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Title 43—PUBLIC LANDS: INTERIOR

Chapter II—Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior

SUBCHAPTER C—MINERALS MANAGEMENT (3000)

[Circular No. 2251]

PART 3170—OIL SHALE

Revocation of Part

Existing oil shale regulations in 43 CFR Part 3170 are obsolete and inconsistent with the programs and policies announced by the Department of the Interior in May 1968 in the report entitled "Prospects for Oil Shale Development."

The regulations in Part 3170 are, therefor, revoked, effective on the date of publication of this revocation in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

HARRY R. ANDERSON,
Acting Secretary of the Interior.

OCTOBER 31, 1968.

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SUBCHAPTER C—MINERALS MANAGEMENT (3000)

[Circular No. 2252]

PART 3130—COAL LEASES, PERMITS AND LICENSES

Subpart 3132—Leases

PART 3160—PHOSPHATE LEASES; PROSPECTING PERMITS AND USE PERMITS

Subpart 3162—Competitive Leases

LEASE BONDS

1. Section 3132.3–1, including the heading is amended to read as follows:

§ 3132.3–1 Lease bond.

A compliance bond of not less than $1,000 will be required prior to the issuance of a lease. In lieu of such bond the lessee may furnish (a) a collective bond in an amount not less than the total minimum coverage required if separate bonds for each lease were furnished, (b) for each State in which the lessees hold leases or permits a statewide bond of not less than $25,000 which shall cover all leases and permits issued under this part in that State, or (c) a bond in the amount of $75,000 for full nationwide coverage of all leases and permits issued under this part pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act, and also under Part 3210 of this chapter pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands (30 U.S.C. secs. 351–359).

2. Section 3162.2 is amended to read as follows:

§ 3162.2 Lease bond.

A compliance bond of not less than $5,000 will be required prior to the issuance of a lease. In lieu of such bond the lessee may furnish (a) a collective bond in an amount not less than the total minimum coverage required if separate bonds for each lease were furnished, or (b) for each State in which the lessees hold leases or permits a statewide bond of not less than $25,000 which shall cover all leases and permits issued under this part in that State, or (c) a bond in the amount of $75,000 for full nationwide coverage of all leases and permits issued under this part pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act, and also under Part 3210 of this chapter pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands (30 U.S.C. 351–359).

HARRY R. ANDERSON,
Acting Secretary of the Interior.

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Chapter II—Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior

SUBCHAPTER B—LAND TENURE MANAGEMENT (2000)

[Circular 2253]

PART 2410—LAND CLASSIFICATION

Subpart 2411—Procedures

RETENTION FOR MULTIPLE-USE MANAGEMENT CLASSIFICATION

In § 2411.2 subdivision (iv) of paragraph (e)(3) is amended to read:

§ 2411.2 Procedure for retention for multiple-use management classifications.

* * * * *

(e) * * *

(3) * * *

(iv) Expiration of the classification.

STEWART L. UDALL,
Secretary of the Interior.

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Title 43—PUBLIC LANDS: INTERIOR

Chapter II—Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior

SUBCHAPTER A—GENERAL MANAGEMENT (1000)

[Circular No. 2254]

PART 1720—PROGRAMS AND OBJECTIVES

Subpart 1727—Designation of Areas and Sites

DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL RESOURCE LANDS

A new subparagraph is added to § 1727.1(b) to read as follows:

§ 1727.1 Areas or sites that may be designated.

* * * * *

(b) * * *

(5) *National resource lands.* These are relatively large areas of land, generally more than half of which is managed by the Bureau of Land Management under principles of multiple-use and sustained yield of the several products and services obtainable therefrom, as defined and prescribed in the Classification and Multiple-Use Act of September 19, 1964 (43 U.S.C. 1411–18 (1964)).

STEWART L. UDALL,
Secretary of the Interior.

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Chapter II—Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior

SUBCHAPTER D—RANGE MANAGEMENT (4000)

[Circular 2255]

PART 4110—GRAZING ADMINISTRATION (INSIDE GRAZING DISTRICTS) (THE FEDERAL RANGE CODE FOR GRAZING DISTRICTS)

Grazing Regulations for Public Lands

On November 16, 1968, there was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, as proposed rule making, the text of amendments and revisions to the regulations governing grazing on public lands within officially designated grazing districts. The notice provided opportunity for public comment until December 31, 1968.

The comments received were numerous and varied. After extensive consideration, which included public meetings and review by the various advisory boards, the regulations, modified as set forth below, are hereby adopted to become effective upon publication of this notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

One of the purposes of this change is to authorize the determination of grazing fees which reflect fair market value as a range forage pricing objective based upon an appraisal of operating costs which considers comparability between Federal and private grazing lands. Such an appraisal has been accomplished in the form of the Western Livestock Grazing Survey of 1966. In order to minimize the impact on the livestock industry, a primary schedule is established to reach fair market value in 10 annual incremental steps at $0.09 per AUM per year. Federal receipts from grazing will be less than fair market value during this period.

The change provides that the Secretary may adjust the fees annually in order to maintain the comparability between public and private lease rates through the annual application of a forage value index which establishes the rate of increase or decrease occurring in private lease rates for similar type range lands.

The resulting fee formula charges the permittees only for the value of the public forage grazed after taking into account the extent to which public benefits are yielded over and above those accruing to the users of the forage resources for livestock purposes.

The change additionally provides that the base fee may be studied periodically to determine if adjustments should be made. Reviews will be undertaken concurrently of the impact of these changes on livestock industry stability, loaning arrangements, collateral values and the private forage market.

The Department is mindful of the Public Land Law Review Commission's efforts and looks forward to its recommendations. Grazing fees may be fixed from time to time. At the appropriate time, after assessment of the aforementioned reviews and the Public Land Law Review Commission's reports, further consideration will be given to the grazing fee structure to assure its reasonableness.

This change also provides for the simplification of administrative procedures to allow flexibility in livestock operations when operating under an approved allotment management plan. Flexibility is necessary where intensive management is being practiced to allow livestock operators to adjust to changing climatic and forage conditions. Grazing fees based on the actual forage consumed will reflect a more equitable payment.

1. New paragraphs (s) and (t) are added to § 4110.0–5 as follows:

§ 4110.0–5 Definitions.

* * * * *

(s) "Allotment management plan" means a program of action designed to reach specific management goals.

(t) "Grazing system" means a specific sequence of livestock grazing by designated area to accomplish management objectives.

2. In § 4115.2–1, the introductory portion of paragraph (g) and the entire paragraph (k) are amended to read as follows:

§ 4115.2–1 License and permit procedures; requirements and conditions.

* * * * *

(g) *Change in grazing season.* Any licensee or permittee who desires to use the Federal range for a period or periods other than as authorized by his license, permit, or approved allotment management plan, may, upon a written approval of the District Manager, be allowed to use the amount of his authorized grazing privileges during any period of time for which the Federal range is classified as proper for use, provided:

* * * * *

(k) *Fees, payments and refunds*—(1) *Fees.* (i) Fees will be charged for the grazing of all livestock on public lands

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at a rate per animal unit month, except that no fee will be charged for a free-use license. Fees for any fee year, consisting of a grazing fee for use of the range and a range improvement fee, will be published as a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(ii) Fees will be established by the Secretary in 10 equal annual increments to attain the fair market value of range forage at the 1978 fee year. Fair market value is that value established by the Western Livestock Grazing Survey of 1966 or as determined by a similar study which may be conducted periodically to update the fee base, if deemed necessary. In addition, annual adjustments may be made for any of the 1969–78 fee years, and thereafter, to reflect current market values.

(iii) A minimum annual charge of $10 will be made on all regular licenses, permits, nonrenewable licenses, and crossing permits, except as specified in subdivision (vi) of this subparagraph.

(iv) Range improvement fees may vary in accordance with the character or requirements of the various districts or portions thereof. Grazing fees may differ in any district or unit thereof in which the grazing capacity of the Federal range is increased by reason of the addition of land not owned by the United States, or by reason of a cooperative agreement or memorandum of understanding between the Bureau of Land Management and any State or Federal agency, or any person, association, corporation, or otherwise.

(v) All livestock 6 months of age or over allowed on the Federal range will be considered at any point of time during the grazing period as a part of the total number for which a license or permit has been issued, or for which an allotment management plan has been approved. No fees will be charged for livestock under 6 months of age.

(vi) Upon application filed with the District Manager, by any person showing the necessity for crossing the Federal range with livestock for proper and lawful purposes, a crossing permit may be issued. Charges are payable in advance at the same rate charged for regular grazing use, except that no fee will be charged where the trail to be used is so limited and defined that no substantial amount of forage will be consumed in transit.

(2) *Payment of fees.* (i) No regular license or permit shall be issued or renewed until payment of all fees due the United States under these regulations have been made. Grazing privileges may be canceled or reduced, in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section, for failure to pay the required fees. Fees for regular licenses and permits are due the United States upon issuance of a fee notice and are payable in full in advance before grazing use is authorized; except that where grazing is authorized on the basis of an approved allotment management plan, which includes grazing system requirements necessary to assure proper management of the public land and its resources, the District Manager may either:

(*a*) Issue a fee notice upon termination of the grazing period authorized. The fee notice will reflect the actual grazing use made and will be payable within 30 days of the date of issuance, or

(*b*) Issue a fee notice on the basis of the normal operation detailed in the allotment management plan. Such fees are due the United States upon issuance and are payable in full in advance before grazing use is authorized. At the conclusion of the authorized grazing period the actual grazing use will be determined. A supplemental billing reflecting additional use must be paid within 30 days of issuance. A refund or credit may be made toward the following year's fees for use less than the normal operation. Ordinarily, no adjustment will be made when the amount is under $5.

(ii) Any licensee or permittee who desires a change in grazing use authorized pursuant to any of the provisions of this section must file, in advance, a written request for such change, except when in conformance with an approved allotment management plan. Upon approval of change, an adjusted billing notice will be issued.

(3) *Refunds.* No refund will be made for failure to use all grazing privileges represented by a license or permit, except that:

(i) During periods of range depletion due to severe drought or other natural causes, or in case of a general epidemic of disease during the life of a regular license or permit, fees due may be reduced in whole or in part, credited or refunded; or fee payment may be postponed for such periods so long as the emergency exists.

DAVID S. BLACK,
Under Secretary of the Interior.
JANUARY 10, 1969.

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Title 43—PUBLIC LANDS: INTERIOR

Chapter II—Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior

SUBCHAPTER E—FOREST MANAGEMENT (5000)

[Circular No. 2256]

Group 5400—Forest Product Disposals

MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER

PART 5400—FOREST PRODUCT DISPOSALS; GENERAL

1. Subparagraph (4) is added to § 5400.0–3(a) as follows:

§ 5400.0–3 Authority.

(a) *O. and C. and public domain lands.* * * *

(4) The Act of April 12, 1926 (44 Stat. 242) as amended by section 401 of the Act of October 8, 1968 (82 Stat. 960) limits the amount of unprocessed timber which may be sold for export from the United States from Federal lands located west of the 100th meridian to not more than 350 million board feet for each calendar year 1969 through 1971 inclusive. The act also provides that specific quantities and species of unprocessed timber surplus to the needs of domestic users may be designated as available for export in addition to the quantity stated above after public hearing and a finding to this effect by the appropriate Secretary of the Department administering Federal lands. Authority to issue rules and regulations to carry out the purpose of the act including the prevention of substitution of timber restricted from export for exported non-Federal timber is contained in section 2 (c) of the act as amended. Authority to issue rules and regulations providing for the exclusion of the limitations imposed by the act for sales having an appraised value of less than $2,000 is contained in section 2(d) of the act as amended.

(i) The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall determine annually the distribution among the Federal lands of the 350 million board feet of unprocessed timber which may be sold for export from Federal lands west of the 100th meridian.

(ii) The rules and regulations issued to carry out the purposes of this act do not apply to Federal timber sold prior to January 1, 1969.

(iii) The Director shall coordinate actions by other Departmental agencies which are subject to this paragraph (a)(4).

* * * * *

2. New subparagraphs (k) and (l) are added to § 5400.0–5 as follows:

§ 5400.0–5 Definitions.

* * * * *

(k) "Unprocessed timber" means (1) any logs, such as sawlogs, peeler logs, and pulp logs; (2) cants or squares to be subsequently remanufactured exceeding a nominal eight (8) inches in thickness; or (3) split or round bolts, or other roundwood not processed to standards and specifications suitable for end product use.

(l) "Federal lands" as used in the Act of April 12, 1926 as amended by the Act of October 8, 1968, means all lands administered by the Department of the Interior west of the 100th meridian with the exception of tribal and trust allotted lands managed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs on behalf of the Indians.

3. A new § 5400.0–7 is added as follows:

§ 5400.0–7 Public hearings to determine surplus quantities and species of unprocessed timber.

(a) Pursuant to section 2(b) of the Act of April 12, 1926 as amended by the Act of October 8, 1968, public hearings will be held when authorized by the Director to seek advice and counsel as to the quantities and species of unprocessed timber surplus to the needs of domestic users and processors. Such species and quantities thereof determined to be surplus may be designated as available for export by the Secretary in addition to the quantities specified in section 2(a) of the Act.

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(b) Such hearings will be coordinated with the Department of Agriculture and held at convenient, centralized locations within the range of the species under consideration.

(c) Before any hearing is held in this regard, a notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the range of the species under consideration at least 15 days prior to the hearing. In addition, known parties or groups with special interest in the species concerned should be notified directly. The record of the hearing shall be kept open for at least 5 consecutive calendar days from the date of the hearing for receipt of additional statements.

(d) The hearing will be conducted by a representative or representatives of the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, respectively. At the conclusion of the hearing, the record thereof together with appropriate recommendations shall be forwarded to the Director for further action deemed appropriate. The Director shall give the public due notice as to the quantities and species of unprocessed timber determined to be surplus to the needs of domestic users and processors.

PART 5410—COMPETITIVE SALES OF FOREST PRODUCTS

4. In § 5411.1 the present text is designated as paragraph (a) and a new paragraph (b) is added as follows:

§ 5411.1 Competitive sales.

* * * * *

(b) All competitive sales having an appraised value of $2,000 or more shall be subject to the limitations relating to the export from the United States of unprocessed timber required by the Act of April 12, 1926 as amended by the Act of October 8, 1968.

PART 5420—NEGOTIATED SALES OF FOREST PRODUCTS

5. A new paragraph (e) is added to § 5421.1 as follows:

§ 5421.1 Negotiated sales.

* * * * *

(e) All negotiated sales having an appraised value of $2,000 or more shall be subject to the limitations relating to the export from the United States of unprocessed timber required by the Act of April 12, 1926 as amended by the Act of October 8, 1968.

PART 5430—PRESALE PREPARATION, ADVERTISEMENT AND CONTRACT PREPARATION

6. Paragraph (a) of § 5436.1 is amended to read as follows:

§ 5436.1 Provisions.

(a) All sales shall be made on contract forms approved by the Director. The Authorized Officer may include additional provisions in the contract to cover conditions peculiar to the sale area, such as road construction, logging methods, silvicultural practices, reforestation, snag felling, slash disposal, fire prevention, fire control, protection of improvements, watersheds and recreational values, and restrictions on export of unprocessed timber. Such additional provisions shall be made available for inspection by prospective bidders during the advertising period.

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STEWART L. UDALL,
Secretary of the Interior.

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Title 43—PUBLIC LANDS: INTERIOR

Chapter II—Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior

[Circular No. 2257]

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Also see composite of Circulars 2247 & 2257 filed behind 2257

SUBCHAPTER B—LAND TENURE MANAGEMENT (2000)

PART 2230—SPECIAL USES

Subpart 2236—Permits

1. Section 2236.0–5 is amended by the addition of paragraphs (d) and (e) to read as follows:

§ 2236.0–5 Definitions.

* * * * *

(d) The term "commercial facilities and services" means accommodations, equipment, and other related supplies and services provided by a private entrepreneur, whether an individual, group, association or qualified corporation, to facilitate public use of outdoor recreation resources. These facilities and services may include but are not limited to: Resorts, hotels, motels, trailer camps, restaurants, stores, automotive and transportation services, guide and outfitter services, marinas, and ski slopes including lifts and tows.

(e) The term "sports events, races and rallies" means any outdoor sports event, including motorized vehicular events.

2. Section 2236.1–3 is amended by the addition of paragraph (d) to read as follows:

§ 2236.1–3 Permits and renewals.

* * * * *

(d) The applicant shall agree and stipulate that the Federal Government, Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Land Management and its representatives shall not be responsible for damage or injury to persons and property which may occur during the permitted use period or as a result of such use.

3. Sections 2236.2–3 and 2236.2–4 are added to read as follows:

§ 2236.2–3 Commercial facilities and services.

(a) *Applicability of general regulations.* All of the general provisions of § 2236.1 not inconsistent with the special provisions relating to permits for the provision of commercial facilities and services are applicable to such permits.

(b) *Applications.* In addition to the requirements of § 2236.1, each application for a special land use permit to provide commercial facilities and services to the public must be accompanied by three copies of a statement describing (1) the proposed use of the lands, (2) public services to be provided, (3) estimated capital investment, and (4) a showing that the application involves an established or definitely proposed project. The application shall include sufficient detail concerning the plan of development to describe the facilities and/or services and their purpose adequately.

(c) *Additional requirements.* Rental charges: Rental payments to the Government for permits shall provide a fair return to the United States.

(d) *Terms and conditions of permits.*—(1) *Protection.* Each permit issued by the authorized officer will contain provisions deemed necessary to protect the public health and safety, and will provide for periodic inspections for compliance.

(2) *Stipulations.* Each permit to provide commercial facilities and services shall contain stipulations requiring conformance with reasonable public service rules, schedules, or charges, and any other provisions necessary to protect the public interest and the public values in the lands, as may be determined by the authorized officer.

§ 2236.2–4 Sports events, races and rallies.

(a) *Applicability of general regulations.* All of the general provisions of § 2236.1 not inconsistent with the special provisions relating to permits for sports events, races, and rallies are applicable to such permits.

(b) *Additional requirements.* In addition to the requirements of § 2236.1 each application for a special land use permit for a sports event, race, rally, meet, or other contest or event shall be accompanied by three copies of:

(1) A map or diagram of the proposed route of the event in sufficient detail for an on-the-ground inspection of the proposed route or location of the event.

(2) A description of the purpose of the event and estimated number of persons participating.

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(3) A description, if motorized vehicles are involved, of the type and estimated number of vehicles participating.

(c) *Terms and conditions.* (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subpart, the authorized officer may reject any application for any activity which he considers will constitute undue hazard to participants and spectators or will irreparably impair scenic and other values.

(2) The authorized officer may require a surety bond before issuing a permit under this section. This bond shall insure:

(i) Cleanup of litter and removal of all markers or other temporary installations.

(ii) Repair of any improvements damaged as a result of the permitted use.

(iii) Restoration of any lands requiring stabilization as a result of the event.

(3) The authorized officer is authorized to release a permittee from the bond, when all terms and conditions are met.

Subchapter F is revised to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER F—OUTDOOR RECREATION AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT (6000)

Group 6000—Outdoor Recreation

PART 6000—OUTDOOR RECREATION; GENERAL

Sec.

6000.0–1 Purpose.
6000.0–2 Objective.
6000.0–4 Responsibility.
6000.0–6 Management policy.

AUTHORITY: The provisions of this Part 6000 issued under secs. 1, 3, 5, 50 Stat. 874, 875; 43 U.S.C. 1181a, 1181c, 1181e; R.S. 2478; 43 U.S.C. 1201.

§ 6000.0–1 Purpose.

The lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management are used and managed for a variety of purposes which are described in Subpart 1725 of this chapter. The regulations in this subchapter relate to the use and development of these lands for outdoors recreation purposes. The regulations also identify circumstances under which use of such lands may be restricted in order to protect the public health and safety, and natural resources and values.

§ 6000.0–2 Objective.

The Bureau shall manage lands to promote public use and enjoyment of the lands for outdoor recreation use in a manner which will protect the health, safety, and comfort of the public and preserve and protect natural resources and values.

§ 6000.0–4 Responsibility.

(a) Except where specified to the contrary, the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to develop, manage, authorize the use, and stipulate the terms and conditions of such use of lands, and make other determinations in accordance with the regulations of this part has been delegated to authorized officers of the Bureau of Land Management.

(b) The using public has the responsibility to use the lands in a manner which will permit maximum use and enjoyment by all, and will protect and preserve the lands, their resources, and any public recreation facility or value which is added thereon.

§ 6000.0–6 Management policy.

(a) Subpart 1725 of this chapter describes the program and multiple-use management policy for public lands, including the development of recreational resources, consistent with the economic and effective development and management of public lands, for use by the public.

(b) Encouragement will be given to State and local governments and private agencies to develop additional public recreation facilities when such development is consistent with long-range management plans and programs of the Bureau.

(c) Priority will be given to:

(1) Recreation development and enhancement as follows:

(i) Undeveloped sites currently under heavy, uncontrolled use that threatens public health and safety or damage to the recreation resource.

(ii) Areas in localities where public recreational demand exceeds available opportunities and facilities.

(iii) Areas adjacent to heavily traveled routes or highways near urban areas, bodies of water, and unique scenic attractions.

(2) Preservation and protection of natural and cultral resources, including but not limited to scientific, scenic, historic, and archeological values, and primitive environments.

(d) Reasonable fees in accordance with Part 18 of this title may be established and collected by the authorized officer.

PART 6010—GENERAL PROGRAM

Sec.

6010.1 Identification of lands.
6010.2 Rules of conduct.
6010.3 Supplemental rules.
6010.4 Closure of lands.
6010.5 State and local laws.

AUTHORITY: The provisions of this Part 6010 issued under secs. 1, 3, 5, 50 Stat. 874, 875; 43 U.S.C. 1181a, 1181c, 1181e; R.S. 2478; 43 U.S.C. 1201.

§ 6010.1 Identification of lands.

To assist the public in the identification of lands, the Bureau shall, where feasible, post signs, publish ownership maps, and otherwise identify public recreation opportunities.

§ 6010.2 Rules of conduct.

(a) *Permitted activities.*—(1) *Collecting—hobby specimens.* Flowers, berries, nuts, seeds, cones, leaves, and similar renewable resources and nonrenewable resources such as rocks, mineral specimens, common invertebrate fossils, and gem stones may be collected in reasonable quantities for personal use, consumption, or hobby collecting. Limitations on this privilege are contained in paragraph (b) of this section.

(2) *Collecting—for sale or barter.* Gathering or collecting of renewable or nonrenewable resources for the purpose of sale or barter may be done only where specifically authorized by law.

(3) *Petrified wood.* For regulations pertaining to collection of petrified wood see Subpart 3612 of this chapter.

(4) *Vegetative and mineral materials.* For regulations pertaining to removal of vegetative and mineral materials under the Mineral Material Sales Act, see Subparts 3610, 3611, and 5400 of these regulations.

(b) *Prohibited activities.* In the use of lands for public outdoor recreation purposes, no one shall:

(1) Intentionally or wantonly destroy, deface, injure, remove or disturb any public building, sign, equipment, marker, or other public property.

(2) Harvest or remove any vegetative or mineral resources or object of antiquity, historic, or scientific interest unless such removal is in accordance with Part 3 of this title regulations or paragraph (a) of this section, or is otherwise authorized by law.

(3) Appropriate, mutilate, deface, or destroy any natural feature, object of natural beauty, antiquity, or other public or private property.

(4) Dig, remove, or destroy any tree or shrub.

(5) Gather or collect renewable or nonrenewable resources for the purpose of sale or barter unless specifically permitted or authorized by law.

(6) Drive or operate motorized vehicles or otherwise conduct himself in a manner that may result in unnecessary frightening or chasing of people or domestic livestock and wildlife.

(7) Use motorized mechanical devices for digging, scraping, or trenching for purposes of collecting.

§ 6010.3 Supplemental rules.

Additional rules to protect the public health and safety and protect resources may be established by the authorized officer, as necessary. They shall be posted in appropriate locations to notify the public of requirements for the occupancy and use of lands, outdoor recreation facilities, and roads and trails. The posted rules may provide for, but need not be limited to, protection of public health and safety, protection of the lands from fires, prevention of soil erosion, and utilization and protection of outdoor recreation and other resource values of the Federal lands.

§ 6010.4 Closure of lands.

In the management of lands to protect the public and assure proper resource utilization, conservation, and protection, public use and travel may be temporarily restricted. For instance, areas may be closed during periods of high fire danger or unsafe conditions, or where use will interfere with or delay mineral development, timber, and livestock operations, or other authorized use of the lands. Areas may also be closed temporarily to:

(a) Protect the public health and safety.
(b) Prevent excessive erosion.
(c) Prevent unnecessary destruction of plant life and wildlife habitat.
(d) Protect the natural environment.
(e) Preserve areas having cultural or historical value.
(f) Protect scientific studies or preserve scientific values.

§ 6010.5 State and local laws.

Except as otherwise provided by law, State and local laws and ordinances shall apply. This refers, but is not limited, to laws and ordinances governing:

(a) Operation and use of motor vehicles, aircraft, and boats.
(b) Hunting and fishing.
(c) Use of firearms.
(d) Injury to persons or destruction of property.
(e) Air and water pollution.
(f) Littering.
(g) Sanitation.
(h) Use of fire.

Group 6200—Recreation Management

PART 6200—GENERAL

Sec.
6200.0–1 Purpose.
6200.0–6 Policy.

AUTHORITY: The provisions of this Part 6200 issued under secs. 1, 3, 5, 50 Stat. 874, 875; 43 U.S.C. 1181a, 1181c, 1181e; R.S. 2478; 43 U.S.C. 1201.

§ 6200.0–1 Purpose.

This group defines outdoor recreation regulations dealing with the administration of lands for specific types of public use, resource conditions, outdoor recreation occupancy and use, and resource development.

§ 6200.0–6 Policy.

Where appropriate for management and public identification purposes, lands having significant natural values may be (a) designated pursuant to the provisions of Subpart 1727 of Part 1720 of this chapter, and (b) segregated pursuant to the provisions of § 2410.1–4 of this chapter.

PART 6220—PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF NATURAL VALUES

Sec.
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AUTHORITY: The provisions of this Part 6220 issued under secs. 1, 3, 5, 50 Stat. 874, 875; 43 U.S.C. 1181a, 1181c, 1181e; R.S. 2478; 43 U.S.C. 1201.

§ 6220.0–1 Purpose.

This part provides guidelines for the management; and criteria for the use, of lands to preserve, protect, and enhance areas of scenic splendor, natural wonder, scientific interest, primitive environment, and other natural values for the enjoyment and use of present and future generations.

Subpart 6221—Primitive Areas

§ 6221.0–1 Purpose.

This subpart provides procedures and guidelines for the protection and recreation use of lands that have been determined to be primitive in character.

§ 6221.0–2 Objective.

Lands designated as primitive areas shall be administered for public recreational use in a manner to protect primitive values, and to:

(a) Allow the free operation of natural ecological succession to the extent feasible for scientific and other study.

(b) Preserve solitude, physical and mental challenge, inspiration and primitive recreation values.

(c) Preserve public values that would be lost if the lands were developed for commercial purposes or passed from Federal ownership.

(d) Allow the natural restoration of the primitive character of the lands.

§ 6221.1 Characteristics.

Natural, wild, and undeveloped lands in settings essentially removed from the effects of civilization are appropriate for designation as primitive areas. Essential characteristics are a natural environment that can be conserved and on which there is no undue disturbance by roads and commercial uses. Primitive areas may be representative of natural environments ranging from the southwest desert to the arctic tundra.

§ 6221.2 Criteria for use.

(a) Public use of primitive areas for recreation purposes is encouraged to the optimum extent consistent with the maintenance of the primitive environment.

(b) Travel in primitive areas is restricted to nonmechanized forms of locomotion.

(c) Construction will not be allowed in or on the land except in connection with authorized nonrecreation uses of the lands, and as necessary to meet requirements for the protection and administration of the area (including measures required in emergencies involving the health and safety of persons within the area).

(d) Roads, mechanized equipment, commercial timber harvesting, nontransient occupancy, and the landing of aircraft is prohibited except in connection with activities necessary in the use of the lands for authorized nonrecreation purposes, and then only under conditions specified by the authorized officer.

(e) Grazing of domestic livestock, water storage projects, and rights-of-way for utility lines and other purposes may be permitted by the authorized officer under such conditions and restrictions as he deems necessary to preserve primitive values.

Subpart 6222—Scenic Corridor—Buffer Zones

§ 6222.0–6 Policy.

Scenic corridors may be established along roads and highways, rivers and streams, trails and other lands for the preservation, protection and enhancement of scenic and natural values. Size and use of scenic corridors shall be consistent with the purposes for which they are established.

Subpart 6223—Wild and Scenic Rivers

§ 6223.0–1 Purpose.

To provide guidelines for management of lands affected by the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

§ 6223.0–2 Objectives.

To assure that all lands affected by the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act are managed in a manner consistent with the purposes of the act.

§ 6223.0–3 Authority.

(a) The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (82 Stat. 906) provides that certain selected rivers which, with their immediate environment, possess outstandingly remarkable scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural, or other similar values, shall be preserved in free-flowing condition, and that their immediate environments shall be protected for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations.

§ 6223.0–6 Policy.

Lands affected by the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act will be identified as soon as possible and will be managed in such a manner as to preserve that characteristic of the area that led to its designation under the act.

Subpart 6225—Natural Areas

§ 6225.0–1 Purpose.

To describe procedures for management, protection and recreation use of lands having unusual natural characteristics.

§ 6225.0–2 Objectives.

To provide guidelines for the outdoor recreation use of natural areas.

§ 6225.0–5 Definition.

The following types of areas may be established under the regulations of this subpart:

(a) *Research natural areas.* These are established and maintained for the primary purpose of research and education. Scientists and educators are encouraged to use research natural areas in a manner that is nondestructive and consistent with the purpose for which the area is established. The general public may be excluded or restricted where necessary to protect studies or preserve research natural areas. Lands having the following characteristics may qualify:

(1) Typical or unusual faunistic or floristic types, associations, or other biotic phenomena, or

(2) Characteristic or outstanding geologic, pedologic, or aquatic features or processes.

(b) *Outstanding natural areas.* These are established to preserve scenic values and areas of natural wonder. The preservation of these resources in their natural condition is the primary management objective. Access roads, parking areas and public use facilities are normally located on the periphery of the area. The public is encouraged to walk into the area for recreation purposes wherever feasible.

§ 6225.0–6 Policy.

Where appropriate the Bureau shall establish and record areas of sufficient number and size to provide adequately for scientific study, research, recreational use and demonstration purposes. These will include:

(a) The preservation of scenic values, natural wonders and examples of significant natural exosystems.

(b) Research and educational areas for scientists to study the ecology, successional trends, and other aspects of the natural environment.

(c) Preserves for rare and endangered species of plants and animals.

§ 6225.1 Use of natural areas.

No person shall use, occupy, construct or maintain improvements in natural areas in a manner inconsistent with the purpose for which the area is established; nor shall he use, occupy, construct or maintain improvements unless permitted by law or authorized by the regulations of this subpart.

PART 6250—RECREATION ACCESS

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6251.0–6 Policy.
6251.1 Motorized vehicles.
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6251.4 Off-road travel restrictions.

AUTHORITY: The provisions of this Part 6250 issued under 1, 3, 5, 50 Stat. 874, 875; 43 U.S.C. 1181a, 1181c, 1181e; R.S. 2478; 43 U.S.C. 1201.

§ 6250.0–1 Purpose.

To provide guidelines for provision of access to and limitations on travel across lands.

§ 6250.0–2 Objective.

To assure that persons wishing to use lands have access to them and that outdoor recreation use does not damage the resources.

§ 6250.0–6 Policy.

(a) In cooperation with State and local governments and private individuals and associations, the Bureau will endeavor to provide access for public use and enjoyment of lands with outdoor recreation values.

(b) Roads and trails constructed by the Bureau shall normally be available for public access to the lands. However, lands and roads and trails may be restricted to specified authorized use or no use in the interest of public health and safety or preservation and protection of the lands.

(c) The Bureau shall, where feasible, locate, identify, construct, and maintain hiking, horse riding and motor trails, and shall post appropriate signs or markers and use other means to make the existence of such routes known to the general public.

§ 6250.1 Use of trails.

§ 6250.1–1 Hiking and horse riding trails.

Motorcycles and other motor vehicles are prohibited on trails limited to hiking and horse riding.

§ 6250.1–2 Motor trails.

(a) Motor vehicles shall remain on established routes or trails.

(b) Drivers of motor vehicles shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians, saddle horses, pack trains and horse-drawn vehicles.

(c) Motor vehicles shall be operated in accordance with the regulations in § 6251.1

Subpart 6251—Operation of Motorized Vehicles

§ 6251.0–6 Policy.

Where appropriate, the Bureau will designate vehicle use sites and areas for the operation of motorized vehicles. Such sites and areas shall be selected from lands having terrain suitable to vehicle capability, with low resource production, erosion and siltation potentials. Selection shall be governed by the ability of the land and resources to withstand and sustain cross-country driving and vehicle use impacts. Lands where scenic qualities or other values would be impaired will not be selected for vehicle use sites and areas. Sites and areas will be designed to:

(a) Provide recreation opportunities for owners of vehicles with off-road vehicle use capability.

(b) Provide public use areas where dune buggies, motorcycles, "jeeps", totegotes and other vehicles may be tested and driven under varied conditions.

(c) Concentrate off-road vehicle use into specific areas and sites.

(d) Reduce impacts on other lands and resources by providing suitable locations for cross-country driving.

§ 6251.1 Motorized vehicles.

The operation of motorized vehicles for outdoor recreation and other purposes is permitted within the following limits unless more restrictive regulations of this subpart apply:

(a) Operators shall maintain safe speeds and drive in a prudent and safe manner with full consideration and regard to public safety and property.

(b) Drivers may be restricted to established roads and motor trails or existing vehicle tracks.

(c) Operators of vehicles shall at all times drive in a manner as to prevent destruction of the land or vegetative resources.

(d) Operators may not drive their vehicles where prohibited by posting or other public notice.

(e) All vehicles shall be maintained in a safe operating condition for public safety and the prevention of fire.

§ 6251.2 Motorized vehicle events.

(a) The authorized officer may issue permits in accordance with the regulations in Subpart 2236 of Part 2230 of this chapter for the operation of motor vehicles for organized races, rallies, meets, endurance contests, and other motorized vehicular events.

(b) Permits may be issued to provide a suitable location for motorized vehicular events. Any permit issued will contain provisions to:

(1) Protect the public and participants.

(2) Minimize damage to the land and its resources.

§ 6251.4 Off-road travel—restrictions.

(a) The authorized officer may specify areas where the casual operation of motorized vehicles for recreational or other purposes will be restricted if the lands are subject to (1) resource damage and soil erosion, or (2) loss of primitive, scenic or other environmental qualities.

(b) Areas where such use is restricted will be posted by means of boundary signs and identified on maps and diagrams of sufficient detail to make the existence and locations known to the general public.

PART 6260—VISITOR MANAGEMENT

Subpart 6261—Rules for Visitor Use of Developed Recreation Sites

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6261.5 Public health, safety and comfort.
6261.6 Public property and resources.

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Subpart 6261—Rules for Visitor Use of Developed Recreation Sites

§ 6261.0–1 Purpose.

The rules of this subpart are designed for the comfort and well-being of the public in its use of developed outdoor recreation sites and outdoor recreation facilities provided by the Bureau.

§ 6261.0–2 Objective.

To promote orderly occupancy and use of developed recreation sites, and other locations where the Bureau has installed outdoor recreation facilities for public use.

§ 6261.0–6 Compliance.

Rules for public use and occupancy of developed recreation sites, and other locations where the Bureau has installed outdoor recreation facilities, will be posted in conspicuous locations. Failure to comply with rules so posted may result in denial of the use of developed recreation sites and facilities and such other further action as may be required.

§ 6261.1 Sanitation.

All persons shall:

(a) Dispose of all garbage, paper, cans, bottles, waste materials, and rubbish by burning in authorized fires, removal from the site, or by disposal at places which may be provided for such purpose.

(b) Drain or dump refuse or waste from any trailer or other vehicle only in places or receptacles provided for such use.

(c) Refrain from cleaning fish or food or washing clothing or articles of household use at hydrants or at water faucets located in restrooms.

(d) Avoid polluting or contaminating water supplies or water used for human consumption.

(e) Deposit any body waste only into toilet receptacles provided for that purpose. Deposit of any bottles, cans, cloths, rags, metal, wood, stone or other damaging substance in any of the receptacles in toilet structures is prohibited.

(f) Use refuse containers or other refuse facilities only for the purposes for which they are supplied. The dumping of household or commercial garbage or trash brought from private property is prohibited.

§ 6261.2 Audio devices.

The following acts are prohibited in developed recreation sites:

(a) Operating or using any audio devices, including radio, television, and musical instruments, and other noise-producing devices, such as electrical generator plants and equipment driven by motors or engines, in a manner to annoy other persons.

(b) Operating or using public address systems, whether fixed, portable, or vehicle mounted unless approved by the authorized officer.

(c) Installing aerial or other special radiotelephone or television equipment unless approved by the authorized officer.

§ 6261.3 Occupancy and use.

The following rules apply to the occupancy and use of developed camping and picnicking facilities on the public lands. As a condition to such occupancy and use, the user shall:

(a) Pitch tents or park trailers or place other camping equipment only in places provided for such purposes.

(b) Camp within a campground no longer than the period of time established by the authorized officer.

(c) Attend camping equipment within prescribed time limits. Camping equipment which is unattended for more than posted limits, without permission of the authorized officer, is subject to disposition under State and local laws.

(d) Before departure remove equipment and clean any rubbish from the place occupied for recreation purposes.

(e) Build fires only in stoves, grills, fireplaces, or fire rings provided for such purposes.

(f) Camp overnight only in places provided or posted for such purposes.

(g) Maintain reasonable quiet in campgrounds between evening and morning hours as posted.

(h) Enter or remain in campgrounds closed during established night periods only as an occupant, or to visit persons occupying the campground for camping purposes.

(i) Not enter or use a site or a portion of a site closed to public use.

§ 6261.4 Vehicles.

The following rules apply to driving and operation of motor vehicles in developed recreation sites in the interest of public safety and comfort.

Motor vehicles and trailers shall not be:

(a) Driven or operated in excess of posted speeds.

(b) Driven or parked except on roads and places provided for this purpose.

(c) Driven or operated in willful disregard of the rights or safety of others or without due caution and at a speed, or in a manner, so as to endanger, or be likely to endanger, any person or property.

(d) Driven or operated on trails within developed recreation sites, except for purposes of maintaining such sites and facilities.

(e) Driven or operated in developed recreation sites, for any purpose other than access to or from the site.

(f) Driven or operated in developed recreation sites closed to such entrance by the authorized officer.

(g) Driven or operated at any time without a muffler in working order, or in such a manner as to create excessive or unusual noise or annoying smoke or dust, or using a muffler cutoff, bypass, or similar device.

(h) Unnecessarily accelerated when not moving or approaching or leaving a stopping place.

§ 6261.5 Public health, safety and comfort.

The following rules are adopted to further the public health, safety and comfort in the use and occupancy of developed recreation sites and facilities. The user shall not:

(a) Discharge firearms, firecrackers, rockets, or other fireworks in developed recreation sites.

(b) Be accompanied by a dog, cat, or other animal unless it is crated, caged, leashed, or otherwise under physical restrictive control at all times.

(c) Bring animals, other than Seeing Eye dogs, to swimming areas.

(d) Bring saddle, pack, or draft animals into any developed recreation site except where specifically permitted or authorized.

§ 6261.6 **Public property and resources.**

The following rules are adopted to protect public property and to preserve the resources in developed recreation sites for public use and enjoyment. The user shall not:

(a) Intentionally or wantonly destroy, deface, or remove any natural feature or plant.

(b) Intentionally or wantonly destroy, injure, deface, remove, or disturb in any manner any public building, sign, equipment, marker, or other structure or property.

PART 6270—RECREATION DEVELOPMENT

Subpart 6273—Transfer of Responsibility

§ 6273.0–6 **Policy.**

State and local governments and private individuals and agencies are encouraged to develop and manage recreation facilities on the public lands for public recreation use and services. Such developments and operations shall be consistent with long-range management plans and authorities of the Bureau, and consistent with leases, licenses, and permits issued under the authority of the regulations in this part.

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§ 3001.0–5 Definitions.

(a) *Secretary.* The Secretary of the Interior or any person duly authorized to exercise the powers vested in that officer.

(b) *Director.* The Director of the Bureau of Land Management or any person duly authorized to exercise the powers vested in that officer.

(c) *State Director or appropriate State Director.* The director of a Bureau of Land Management State office.

(d) *Land office or appropriate land office.* The land office of the Bureau of Land Management for the State or part of a State in which the lands covered by a permit, lease, application or entry, or application for such, are situated.

(e) *Manager or land office manager.* The manager in charge of a land office.

(f) *Mining supervisor.* The Regional Mining Supervisor of the Geological Survey for the region in which the lands under permit or lease are situated.

§ 3001.0–6 Place of filing.

Documents must be filed in the proper land office (see § 1821.2–1 of this chapter).

§ 3001.0–7 False statements.

18 U.S.C. 1001 makes it a crime for any person knowingly and wilfully to submit or cause to be submitted to any agency of the United States any false or fraudulent statements as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

§ 3001.0–8 Appeals and contests.

Any person adversely affected by any official action or decision of any subordinate official may appeal therefrom to the Director and from the Director's decision to the Secretary. All appeals shall be governed by the rules of practice in Parts 1840 and 1850 of this chapter. Nothing in this group shall be construed to prevent any interested party from seeking judicial review as authorized by law.

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PART 3100—PUBLIC DOMAIN LEASING UNDER 1920 ACT

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Subpart 3100—Public Domain Leasing Under 1920 Act; General

§ 3100.0–2 Objectives of the leasing act.

The act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437; 30 U.S.C., 181 et seq.), as amended and supplemented, including the amendatory act of August 8, 1946 (60 Stat. 950; 30 U.S.C., sec. 181 et seq.) and the act of September 2, 1960 (74 Stat. 781; 30 U.S.C., sec. 181 et seq.), the act of February 7, 1927 (44 Stat. 1057; 30 U.S.C., 281–287) and the act of April 17, 1926 (44 Stat. 301; 30 U.S.C., 271–276) as amended, hereinafter called "the act", provide for the leasing of oil and gas, coal, potassium, sodium, phosphate, and oil shale, native asphalt, solid and semisolid bitumen, and bituminous rock including oil-impregnated rock or sands from which oil is recoverable only by special treatment after the deposit is mined or quarried and lands containing such deposits owned by the United States in the public domain and deposits of sulphur and the public lands containing such deposits in the States of Louisiana and New Mexico, except as stated in § 3100.1.

§ 3100.0–5 Definitions.

(a) *Sole party in interest; statement of interest.* A sole party in interest in a lease or offer to lease is a party who is and will be vested with all legal and equitable rights under the lease. No one is, or shall be deemed to be, a sole party in interest with respect to a lease in which any other party has any of the interests described in this section. The requirement of disclosure in an offer to lease of an offeror's or other parties' interest in a lease, if issued, is predicated on the departmental policy that all offerors and other parties having an interest in simultaneously filed offers to lease shall have an equal opportunity for success in the drawings to determine priorities.

Additionally, such disclosures provide the means for maintaining adequate records of acreage holdings of all such parties where such interests constitute chargeable acreage holdings. An "interest" in the lease includes, but is not limited to, record title interests, overriding royalty interests, working interests, operating rights or options, or any agreements covering such "interests." Any claim or any prospective or future claim to an advantage or benefit from a lease, and any participation or any defined or undefined share in any increments, issues, or profits which may be derived from or which may accrue in any manner from the lease based upon or pursuant to any agreement or understanding existing at the time when the offer is filed, is deemed to constitute an "interest" in such lease.

§ 3100.1 Lands to which leasing act does not apply.

The mineral leasing act does not apply (a) to lands containing the mineral deposits named in § 3100.0–3 where such lands are situated in (1) national parks and monuments; (2) Indian reservations; (3) incorporated cities, towns and villages, or (4) naval petroleum and oil shale reserves; nor (b) to lands acquired under the act of March 1, 1911 (36 Stat. 961; 16 U.S.C. 513–519) known as the Appalachian Forest Reserve Act, or other acquired lands.

§ 3100.2 Survey for leasing.

Unsurveyed lands containing oil shale, and unsurveyed lands embraced in applications for lease based upon discovery of valuable deposits of potassium, sodium or sulphur under a prospecting permit, must be surveyed by the Government at the expense of the applicant prior to the issuance of a lease of the lands. To secure such a survey, the applicant must obtain from the appropriate cadastral engineer an estimate of the cost of the survey and deposit with him the estimated amount. After the survey has been accepted and the plat filed in the land office the application will be adjusted to the resulting subdivisions and the cost of the survey will be ascertained by prorating the total cost of surveying the township to the area to be leased. The amount thus ascertained will be credited to the appropriation for surveying the public lands and the balance of the deposit, if any, returned to the depositor or his authorized representative. The survey of unsurveyed lands for any coal lease, or for a competitive lease for phosphate, potassium, sodium, oil, or gas, or sulphur will be made at the expense of the Government prior to the issuance of a lease of the lands.

§ 3100.3 Multiple development.

The granting of a permit or lease for the prospecting, development, or production of deposits of any one mineral will not preclude the issuance of other permits or leases for the same land for deposits of other minerals with suitable stipulations for simultaneous operation, nor the allowance of applicable entries, locations, or selections of leased lands with a reservation of the mineral deposits to the United States.

Subpart 3101—Lessees

§ 3101.1 Who may hold leases and permits.

Mineral prospecting permits and mineral leases may be issued only to (a) citizens of the United States; (b) associations of such citizens organized under the laws of the United States or of any State thereof, which are authorized to hold such interests by the statute under which organized and by the instrument establishing the association; (c) corporations organized under the laws of the United States or of any State thereof; or (d), in the case of coal, oil, oil shale, or gas, municipalities. A mineral lease or permit will not be issued to a minor, but oil and gas leases may be issued to legal guardians or trustees of minors in their behalf. As used in this group, "association" includes "partnership."

§ 3101.2 Rights of aliens.

Aliens may not acquire or hold any direct or indirect interest in permits or leases, except that they may own or control stock in corporations holding permits or leases if the laws of their country do not deny similar or like privileges to citizens of the United States. If any appreciable percentage of the stock of a corporation is held by aliens who are citizens of a country denying similar or like privileges to United States citizens, its application will be denied.

§ 3101.3 Interests held in common.

An association shall not be deemed to exist between the parties to a contract for development of leased lands, whether or not coupled with an interest in the lease, nor between co-lessees, but each party to any such contract or each co-lessee will be charged with his proportionate interest in the lease. No holding of acreage in common by the same persons in excess of the maximum acreage specified in the law for any one lessee or permittee for the particular mineral deposit so held will be permitted.

Subpart 3102—Fees and Rentals

§ 3102.1 Filing fees.

Offers for noncompetitive oil and gas leases and all applications for prospecting permits, leases or licenses, excepting licenses to relief agencies must be accompanied by a filing fee of $10 for each application or offer. Such a fee will be retained as a service charge even though the application or offer should be rejected or withdrawn in whole or in part.

§ 3102.2 Payment of rentals.

(a) Unless otherwise directed by the Secretary, rentals and royalties under all leases and permits issued under the act shall be paid to the Manager of the appropriate land office. All remittances to Bureau of Land Management offices shall be made payable to the Bureau of Land Management.

(b) All rentals and royalties on producing oil and gas leases, communitized leases in producing well units, unitized leases in producing unit areas, leases on which compensatory royalty is payable, and all payments under subsurface storage agreements and easements for directional drilling are to be paid to the Regional Oil and Gas Supervisor of the United States Geological Survey. Rentals and royalties on producing mining leases are to be paid to the Regional Mining Supervisor. All remittances to Survey offices shall be made payable to the United States Geological Survey.

§ 3102.3 Waiver, suspension, or reduction of rental or minimum royalty.

(a) In order to encourage the greatest ultimate recovery of coal, phosphate, potassium, sodium, oil shale, oil, or gas and sulphur, and in the interest of conservation, the Secretary of the Interior whenever he determines it necessary to promote development or finds that the leases cannot be successfully operated under the terms provided therein may waive, suspend, or reduce the rental or minimum royalty or reduce the royalty on an entire leasehold, or on any deposit, tract, or portion thereof segregated for royalty purposes.

(b) An application for any of the above benefits shall be filed in triplicate in the office of the oil and gas supervisor for oil and gas leases or the office of the mining supervisor for coal, phosphate, potassium, sodium, oil shale and sulphur leases. It must contain the serial number of the leases, the land office name, the name of the record title holder and operator or sublessee and the description of the lands by legal subdivision.

(1) Each application involving oil or gas shall show the number, location, and status of each well that has been drilled, a tabulated statement for each month covering a period of not less than six months prior to the date of filing the application of the aggregate amount of oil or gas subject to royalty computed in accordance with the oil and gas operating regulations, the number of wells counted as producing each month, and the average production per well per day.

(2) Each application involving coal, phosphate, potassium, sodium, oil shale and sulphur shall show the number and location of each mine, a map showing the extent of the mining operations, a tabulated statement of the minerals mined and subject to royalty for each month covering a period of not less than 12 months next prior to the date of filing of the application, and the average production per day mined for each month and complete information as to why the minimum production was not attained.

(c) Every application must contain a detailed statement of expenses and costs of operating the entire lease, the income from the sale of any leased products, and all facts tending to show whether the wells or mines can be successfully operated upon the royalty or rental fixed in the lease. Where the application is for a reduction in royalty full information shall be furnished as to whether royalties or payments out of production are paid to others than the United States, the amounts so paid and efforts made to reduce them. The applicant must also file agreements of the holders of the lease and of the royalty holders to a permanent reduction of all other royalties from the leasehold to an aggregate not in excess of one-half the Government royalties.

§ 3102.4 Suspension of operations and production.

(a) Applications by lessees for relief from the producing requirements or from all operating and producing requirements of mineral leases shall be filed in triplicate in the office of the regional oil and gas supervisor for oil and gas leases, and in the office of the regional mining supervisor for all other leases. By Departmental Order No. 2699 and Geological Survey Order No. 218 of August 11, 1952, the regional oil and gas supervisors and the regional mining supervisors are authorized to act on applications for suspension of operations or production or both filed pursuant to this section and to terminate suspensions of this kind which have been or may be granted. As to oil and gas leases, no suspension of operations and production will be granted on any lease in the absence of a well capable of production on the leasehold, except where the Secretary directs a suspension in the interest of conservation. Complete information must be furnished showing the necessity of such relief.

(b) The term of any lease will be extended by adding thereto any period of suspension of all operations and production during such term pursuant to any direction or assent of the Secretary.

(c) A suspension shall take effect as of the time specified in the direction or assent of the Secretary. Rental and minimum royalty payments will be suspended during any period of suspension of all operations and production directed or assented to by the Secretary, beginning with the first day of the lease month on which the suspension of operations and production becomes effective or, if the suspension of operations and production becomes effective on any date other than the first day of a lease month, beginning with the first day of the lease month following such effective date. The suspension of rental and minimum royalty payments shall end on the first day of the lease month in which operations or production is resumed. Where rentals are creditable against royalties and have been paid in advance, proper

credit will be allowed on the next rental or royalty due under the lease.

(d) No lease shall be deemed to expire by reason of a suspension of either operations or production only, pursuant to any direction or assent of the Secretary.

(e) If there is a well capable of producing on the leased premises and all operations and production are suspended pursuant to any direction or assent of the Secretary, the commencement of drilling operations only will be regarded as terminating the suspension as to operations but not as to production, and as terminating the period of suspension to be added to the term of the lease as provided in paragraph (b) of this section and the period of suspension of rental and minimum royalty payments as provided in paragraph (c) of this section. However, as provided in paragraph (d) of this section, the term of the lease will not be deemed to expire so long as the suspension of operations or production remains in effect.

(f) The minimum annual production requirements of a lease issued under the act for coal, phosphate, potassium, sodium, oil shale or sulphur shall be proportionately reduced for that portion of a lease year for which suspension of operations and production is directed or granted by the Secretary of the Interior in the interest of conservation. The relief authorized under this section may also be obtained for any oil and gas leases included within an approved unit or cooperative plan of development and operation.

§ 3102.5 Oil and gas leases involved in proceedings under the Multiple Mineral Development Act of August 13, 1954.

If any oil and gas lease issued under Section 17 of the Mineral Leasing Act, as amended (30 U.S.C. sec. 226), includes an area with respect to which a verified statement is filed by a mining claimant under section 7(c) of the Multiple Mineral Development Act of 1954 (68 Stat. 708), as amended, asserting the existence of a conflicting unpatented mining claim or claims upon which diligent work is being prosecuted the payment of rentals and the running of time under such lease shall be suspended as to the lands in conflict from the first day of the month following the filing of such verified statement until a final decision is rendered in the matter.

Subpart 3103—Reserved, Withdrawn or Segregated Lands

§ 3103.1 Reserved or segregated lands.

With respect to lands embraced in a reservation or segregated for any particular purpose the lessee shall conduct operations in conformity with such requirements as may be made by the Bureau of Land Management for the protection and use of the land for the purpose for which it was reserved or segregated, so far as may be consistent with the use of the land for the purpose of the lease, which latter shall be regarded as the dominant use unless otherwise provided or separately stipulated.

§ 3103.2 Special stipulations.

Offerors for noncompetitive oil and gas leases and applicants for permits, leases, and licenses for lands, the surface control of which is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture, will be required to consent to the inclusion therein of the stipulation on a form approved by the Director. Where the lands have been withdrawn for reclamation purposes the offeror or applicant will be required to consent to the inclusion of a stipulation on the approved forms. If the land is potentially irrigable, or if the land is within the flow limits of a reservoir site or within the drainage area of a constructed reservoir, or if withdrawn for power purposes, or where the lands have been withdrawn as Game Range Lands, Coordination Lands, or Alaska Wildlife Areas, the offeror or applicant will be required to consent to the inclusion of a stipulation on an approved form. Additional conditions may be imposed to protect the land withdrawn if deemed necessary by the agency having jurisdiction over the surface.

Subpart 3104—Applicants and Holders

§ 3104.1 Simultaneous applications or offers for lease.

(a) Where applications or offers received by mail or filed over the counter at the same time are in conflict the right of priority of filing will be determined by public drawing.

(b) The priorities of all applications or offers to lease made and filed in accordance with the provisions of § 3123.9, whether or not they are in conflict, will be determined by public drawing in the manner provided in § 2311.2–3 of this chapter.

§ 3104.2 Bona fide purchasers.

(a) The Act of September 21, 1959 (73 Stat. 571), as amended by the Act of September 2, 1960 (74 Stat. 781; Public Law 86-705), provides that the right to cancel or forfeit for violation of any of the provisions of this Act shall not apply so as to affect adversely the title or interest of a bona fide purchaser of any lease, option to acquire a lease or an interest therein, or permit which lease, interest, option, or permit was acquired and is held by a qualified person, association, or corporation in conformity with those provisions, even though the holdings of the person, association, or corporation from which the lease, interest, option, or permit was acquired, or of his predecessor in title (including the original lessee of the United States) may have been cancelled or forfeited or may be or may have been subject to cancellation or forfeiture for any such violation.

(b) If in any proceeding to cancel or forfeit a lease, interest in a lease, option to acquire a lease or an interest therein, or a permit acquired in violation of any of the provisions of this Act, an underlying lease, interest, option, or permit is cancelled or forfeited to the Government and there are valid interests therein or valid options to acquire the lease or an interest therein which are not subject to cancellation, forfeiture, or compulsory disposition, such underlying lease interest, option, or permit shall be sold to the highest responsible, qualified bidder by competitive bidding in a manner similar to that provided for in the offering of leases by competitive bidding subject to all outstanding valid interests therein and valid options pertaining thereto. However, if less than the whole interest in the lease, interest, option, or permit is cancelled or forfeited, such partial interest shall likewise be sold in similar manner. If no satisfactory offer is obtained as a result of the competitive offering of such whole or partial interests, such interests may be sold by such other methods as the authorized officer deems appropriate, but on terms not less favorable to the Government than those of the best competitive bid received.

(c) The commencement and conclusion of all such proceedings shall be noted promptly upon the serial register relating to the particular lease or option or other interest involved.

(d) Effective as of September 21, 1959, any party to any proceedings with respect to a violation of any provision of the Act, whether initiated prior or subsequent to that date, has the right to be dismissed promptly as such a party by showing that he holds and acquired the interest involving him as a bona fide purchaser without having violated any provisions of the Act. No hearing shall be necessary upon such showing unless prima facie evidence is presented to indicate a possible violation on the part of the alleged bona fide purchaser.

(e) If during an such proceeding a party thereto files a waiver of his rights under his lease to drill or to assign his interest thereto, or if such rights are suspended by order of the Secretary pending a decision, payment of rentals and the running of time against the term of the lease or leases involved shall be suspended as of the first day of the month following the filing of the waiver or the Secretary's suspension until the first day of the month following the final decision in the proceeding or the revocation of the waiver for suspension.

§ 3104.3 Limitation on time to institute suit to contest a Secretary's decision.

No action contesting a decision of the Secretary involving any oil and gas lease shall be maintained unless such action is commenced or taken within 90 days after the final decision of the Secretary relating to such matter.

Subpart 3105—Helium

§ 3105.1 Recovery.

The ownership of and the right to extract helium from all gas produced from lands leased or otherwise disposed of under the act have been reserved to the United States. Appropriate provision is made in leases with respect to the recovery of helium.

Subpart 3106—Bonds

§ 3106.1 Bonds with individual sureties.

Where surety bonds are tendered with individuals as sureties they must be executed by not less than two qualified individual sureties to cover compliance with all terms and conditions of the lease or permit or the applicable law or regulations. Each surety must execute a statement showing that he is worth in real property not exempt from execution, double the sum specified in the undertaking, over and above his just debts and liabilities and that he is either a resident of the same State and the United States Judicial District as the principal on the bond, or of the State and the Judicial District in which the lands involved are located. There also must be furnished a certificate by a judge or clerk of a court of record, a United States attorney, a United States Commissioner, or a United States postmaster, as to the identity, signature, and financial competency of the sureties. All bonds furnished with individual sureties will be examined every two years, or at any other time when found advisable, and the principal on the bond will be required to furnish new statements of justification by the sureties and a new certificate of financial competency, and if such sureties are unable to qualify additional security will be required. The statement of justification required to be furnished by the sureties, and the certificate of competency should be on a form approved by the Director.

Subpart 3107—Oil and Gas Exploration Operations

§ 3107.01 Purpose.

The purpose of the regulations in this Subpart 3107 is to establish procedures to be followed in conducting exploration of the public land for oil and gas. For exploratory operations for other leasable minerals, the lease or permit required by the appropriate regulations must be secured. The regulations in this subpart are not applicable to exploration operations conducted pursuant to oil and gas lease, and also are not applicable to the exploration of public domain lands for minerals subject to location under the U.S. mining laws.

§ 3107.05 Definitions.

For the purpose of the regulations in this subpart:

(a) "Oil and gas exploration" means any activity relating to the search for evidence of oil and gas which requires physical presence upon the land and which may result in damage to public lands or resources thereon. It includes, but is not limited to, geophysical operations, construction of roads and trails, and cross-country transit by vehicle over public domain. It does not include the casual use of public lands for oil and gas exploration. It does not include core drilling for subsurface geologic information or drilling for oil and gas; these activities will only be authorized by the issuance of an oil and gas lease. The regulations in this subpart, however, are not intended to prevent drilling operations necessary for placing explosive charges for seismic exploration, nor do they affect the exclusive right to "drill" for oil and gas by a lessee upon his leased premises.

(b) "Public lands" means lands owned by the United States and administered by the Bureau of Land Management. It does not include retained mineral interest in lands, title to which has passed from the United States.

(c) "Casual use" means activities that involve practices which do not ordinarily lead to any appreciable disturbance or damage to lands, resources, and improvements. For example, activities which do not involve use of heavy equipment or explosives and which do not involve vehicle movement except over established roads and trails are "casual use."

§ 3107.1–1 Notice of intent to conduct oil and gas exploration operations.

(a) Any person desiring to conduct oil and gas exploration operations under the regulations of this subpart shall, prior to entry upon the lands, file with the District Manager of the Bureau of Land Management for the district in which the public lands are located a "Notice of Intent to Conduct Oil and Gas Exploration Operations," on a form[1] approved by the Director.

(b) The "Notice of Intent to Conduct Oil and Gas Exploration Operations" will contain the following:

(1) The name and address, including zip code, both of the person, association, or corporation for whom the operations will be conducted and of the person who will be in charge of the actual exploration activities.

(2) A statement that the signers agree that exploration operations will be conducted pursuant to the terms and conditions listed on the approved form.

(c) A brief description of the type of operations which will be undertaken.

(d) A description of the lands to be explored, by township and range.

(e) Approximate date of commencement of operations.

§ 3107.1–2 Bond.

Simultaneously with the filing of the Notice of Intent to Conduct Oil and Gas Exploration Operations, and before entry is made on the land, the party or parties filing the "Notice of Intent to Conduct Oil and Gas Exploration Operations" must file with the District Manager a surety company bond in the amount of $5,000, conditioned upon the full and faithful compliance, for each oil and gas exploration operation, with all of the terms and conditions of the regulations in this subpart and of that notice, or a statewide bond in the amount of $25,000 covering all oil and gas exploration operations in the same State, or a $50,000 nationwide bond. Holders of nationwide and statewide oil and gas lease bonds shall be permitted to amend their bonds to include exploration activities in lieu of furnishing additional bonds.

§ 3107.1–3 Completion of operations.

Upon completion of the exploratory operations, there shall be filed with the District Manager a "Notice of Completion of Oil and Gas Exploration Operations". Within 90 days after the filing of such "Notice of Completion", the District Manager shall notify the party who had conducted the operations whether all of the terms and conditions set out by the regulations in this subpart and in the "Notice of Intent to Conduct Oil and Gas Exploration Operations" have been complied with, or whether any additional measures must be taken to rectify any damage to the land, specifying the nature and extent thereof.

§ 3107.1–4 Consent to release of bond; termination of liability thereunder.

The District Manager will not give his consent to the cancellation of the bond if an individual bond was submitted, or to the termination of liability if a State or nationwide bond was submitted, unless and until all of the terms and conditions of the "Notice of Intent to Conduct Oil and Gas Exploration Operations" have been complied with. Should the District Manager or any other authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management fail to notify the party within 90 days from the filing of "Notice of Completion" that all terms and conditions have been complied with or that additional corrective measures must be taken to rehabilitate the land, liability under an individual bond or liability for a particular oil and gas exploration operation under a State or nationwide bond shall automatically terminate on the 91st day.

[1] Form filed as part of original document.

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Subpart 3120—Oil and Gas; General

§ 3120.1 General provisions.

§ 3120.1–1 Applicability of amendatory act to existing leases.

Prior to the filing of the notice of election hereinafter referred to, the act of August 8, 1946 (60 Stat. 950; 30 U.S.C. 181) applies to leases issued prior to the date of that act only where the amendatory act so

provides. The owner of any lease issued prior to August 8, 1946, may elect pursuant to section 15 to come entirely under the provisions of that act by filing a notice of election to have his lease governed by the amendatory act, accompanied by the consent of the surety if there is a bond covering the lease. A notice of election so filed shall constitute an amendment of all provisions of the lease to conform with the provisions of the amendatory act and the regulations issued hereunder.

§ 3120.1–2 Acreage limitations.

(a) No person, association, or corporation shall take hold, own, or control at one time oil and gas leases (including options for such leases or interests therein) whether directly through ownership of leases or interests in leases and applications, or offers therefor or indirectly as a member of an association or associations or as a stockholder of a corporation or corporations, holding leases or interests therein and applications or offers therefor for more than 246,080 acres in any one State, of which no more than 200,000 acres may be held under option, except that in the State of Alaska the acreage limitation is 300,000 acres in the northern leasing district and 300,000 acres in the southern leasing district, of which no more than 200,000 acres may be held under option in each of the two leasing districts.

(1) The boundary between the two leasing districts in the State of Alaska is the left limit of the Tanana River from the boundary between the United States and Canada to the confluence of the Tanana River and Yukon River and the left limit of the Yukon River from said confluence to its principal southern mouth.

(2) Leases or offers or applications for leases committed to any unit or cooperative plan approved or prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior shall not be included in computing accountable acreage. Leases or offers or applications for leases subject to an operating, drilling or development contract approved by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to section 17(j) of the act, other than communization agreements, shall be excepted in determining the accountable acreage of the lessees or operators.

(3) Where, as the result of the termination or contraction of a unit or cooperative plan, or the elimination of a lease from operating, drilling, or development plan, a party holds or controls excess accountable acreage, such party shall have 90 days from such termination or contraction or elimination in which to reduce his holdings to the prescribed limitation and to file proof of such reduction in the proper land office.

(b) In computing acreage holdings or control, the accountable acreage of a party owning an undivided interest in a lease shall be such party's proportionate part of the total lease acreage. Likewise, the accountable acreage of a party owning an interest in a corporation or association shall be his proportionate part of the corporation's or association's accountable acreage except that no person shall be charged with his pro rata share of any acreage holdings of any association or corporation unless he is the beneficial owner of more than ten per centum of the stock or other instruments of ownership or control of such association or corporation. An option held by a corporation or an association on September 2, 1960, shall not, for a period of 3 years, be charged to any stockholder of the corporation or member of the association so long as it is so held. Parties owning a royalty or other interest determined by or payable out of a percentage of production from a lease will be charged with a similar percentage of the total lease acreage.

(c) No lease will be issued and no transfer or operating agreement will be approved until it has been shown that the offeror, transferee, or operator is entitled to hold the acreage or obtain the operating rights.

(d) At any time upon request by the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management, the record title holder of any lease or a lease operator or a lease offeror or the holder of any lease option may be required to file in the appropriate land office a statement, showing as of a specified date the serial number and the date of each lease of which he is the record holder, or under which he holds operating rights, or for which he holds an option, and each application or offer for lease held or filed by him in the particular State setting forth the acreage covered thereby, and the nature, extent and acreage interest, including royalty interests held by him in any oil and gas

lease of which the reporting party is not the lessee of record, whether by corporate stock ownership, interest in unincorporated associations and partnerships, or in any other manner.

(e)(1) If any person holding or controlling only leases or interests in leases or options or interests in options is found to hold accountable acreage in violation of the provisions of this section and of the act, the last lease or leases or interest or interests acquired by him which with the options or interests in options created the excess acreage holdings shall be cancelled or forfeited in their entirety, even though only part of the acreage in the lease or interest constitutes excess holdings, unless it can be shown to the satisfaction of the Director of the Bureau of Land Management that the holding or control of the excess acreage is not the result of negligence or willful intent in which event the lease or leases shall be cancelled only to the extent of the excess acreage.

(2) Any person holding or controlling leases or interests in leases only, or applications or offers for leases only, or both leases or interest in leases and applications or offers or options or interests in options below the acreage limitation provided in this section, shall be subject to these rules:

(i) If he files an application or offer or option or interest in option which causes him to exceed the acreage limitation, that application or offer will be rejected.

(ii) For tracts not subject to the simultaneous filing procedures of § 3123.9, if he files a group of applications or options or offers or interests in options at the same time, any one of which causes him to exceed the acreage limitation, the entire group of applications, offers, options, or interests in options will be rejected.

(iii) If he files an offer for inclusion in the drawing procedures under § 3123.9, he shall be charged with the acreage thereof only if his offer is successfully drawn so that his offer has first priority. If that offer causes him to exceed the acreage limitation, the offer will be rejected. If he files at the same time a group of offers for tracts subject to the drawing procedures under § 3123.9, any offer which is successfully drawn after he reaches the acreage limitation shall be rejected.

(iv) An optionee is chargeable only for that acreage for which the optionor is chargeable.

(3) If any person holding or controlling both leases or interests in leases and applications or offers for leases, or options or interests in options or only applications or offers for leases below the acreage limitation provided in this section, acquires a lease or leases, or an option or options or interests therein; which cause him to exceed the acreage limitation, his most recently filed application or offer for lease or applications or offers for lease then containing acreage in excess of the limitation provided in this section will be rejected in its or their entirety. For the purpose of this subparagraph, time of filing shall be determined by the time of filing marked on the application or offer or, if the same time is marked on two or more applications or offers, by the serial number of the applications or offers.

(4) The provisions of this paragraph shall not limit any action which the Department may take with respect to excess acreage holdings in cases not otherwise covered by this paragraph.

§ 3120.1–3 Options.

(a) No option to acquire any interests in an oil and gas lease shall be enforceable if entered into for a period of more than three years (inclusive of any renewal period, if provided for in the option) without the prior approval of the Secretary. The acreage to which the option is applicable shall be charged both to the optionor and to the optionee, but the charge to the optionor shall cease when the option is exercised. If the option covers only a part of the optionor's interest in the acreage included in a lease, the acreage to which the option is applicable shall be fully charged to the optionor, and a share thereof shall also be charged to the optionee as his interest may appear. Upon the exercise of the option, the acreage shall be charged to the parties pro rata as their interests may appear. An unexercised option remains charged during its term until notice of its relinquishment or surrender has been filed in the appropriate land office.

(1) No option or renewal thereof executed after September, 1960, shall be enforceable until notice thereof has been filed in the appropriate land office. No such notice shall be required for options or renewals executed prior to September 2, 1960. Each such notice shall include (i) the names and addresses of the parties thereto; (ii) the serial number of the lease or application for lease to which the option is applicable; (iii) a statement of the number of acres covered thereby and of the interests and obligations of the parties thereto; and (iv) the interest to be conveyed and retained on exercise of the option. Such notice shall be subscribed by all parties to the option or their duly authorized agents. The filing of an executed copy of the option containing the above information shall satisfy the foregoing requirement. In addition, the notice of option must contain or be accompanied by a signed statement, by the holder of the option, that he is the sole party in interest in the option; if not, he shall

set forth the names and nature and extent of the interest therein of the other interested parties, the nature of the agreement between them if oral, and a copy of such agreement, if written.

(b) An option hereafter taken on a lease application or offer may be for the period of time until issuance of the lease and three years thereafter. Where it is sought to obtain options for periods in excess of those provided in the preceding sentence, an application should be filed with the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management, accompanied by a complete showing as to the special or unusual circumstances which are believed to justify approval of the application.

(c) Within the meaning of this section, options may be taken only on lands embraced in leases and offers or applications for leases and the acreage included in any such option taken upon an application or offer for a lease shall be chargeable from and after the date of such option.

(d) It shall be permissible for any such option to provide that where all or any part of the land covered thereby is included in a cooperative or unit plan (as defined in § 3121.1) duly executed by the parties and submitted to the Secretary for final approval prior to the expiration of the three-year option period, then, as to that part of the land covered by said option which is included in said cooperative or unit plan, such option shall not expire until a date 30 days after the date of final approval or disapproval by the Secretary of that cooperative or unit plan.

(e) Each holder of an option must file in the appropriate land office within 90 days after June 30 and December 31 of each year duplicate statements showing as of the prior June 30 and December 31, respectively (1) his name and the name and address of each grantor of an option held by him, the serial number of every lease, application or offer for lease subject to option; (2) date and expiration date of each option; (3) number of acres covered by each option; (4) aggregate number of options held in each State, and total acreage thereof; and (5) a statement of his interest and obligation under each option; provided, that the statement of his interest and obligation with respect to any option shall not be required where such interests and obligations have been set forth in the notice required under paragraph (a) of this section and there have been no changes in such interests and obligations since such filing. Option statements covering lands in the State of California shall be filed in the land office at Sacramento, California. The failure of the holder of an option to file such statement shall render the option unenforceable by him, but this shall not diminish the acreage deemed to be held under option by the optionee in computing the amount chargeable and shall not relieve any party thereto of any liability to cancellation, forfeiture, forced disposition, or other sanction provided by law.

(f) If the statement shows or it is otherwise ascertained that the optionee holds options in excess of the prescribed limitation, he will be given 30 days within which to file proof of reduction of his option holdings to the limitations prescribed by the act.

§ 3120.2 Known geological structures and naval reserves.

§ 3120.2–1 Lands within one mile of naval petroleum or helium reserves.

No oil and gas lease will be issued for land within one mile of the exterior boundaries of a naval petroleum or a helium reserve, unless the land is being drained of its oil or gas deposits or helium content by wells on privately owned land or unless it is determined by the authorized officer, after consultation with the agency exercising jurisdiction over the reserve, that operations under such a lease will not adversely affect the reserve through drainage from known productive horizons.

§ 3120.2–2 Boundaries of known geologic structures.

(a) The Director of the Geological Survey will determine the boundaries of the known geologic structures of producing oil or gas fields, and, where necessary to effectuate the purposes of the act, the productive limits of producing oil or gas deposits as such limits existed on August 8, 1946.

(b) Determinations of "structures defined" will be followed, as soon as practicable, by the filing in the appropriate land office of maps or diagrams showing the structure boundaries, and by publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER of notices that the determinations have

been made. Because determinations of "structures undefined" are usually of a more temporary nature, maps or diagrams thereof will not be filed and notices thereof will not be published; however, a memorandum of each such determination will be filed in the appropriate land office and will be available for public inspection. Additional information concerning the procedures used in making the determinations may be obtained from the Geological Survey, Washington 25, D.C.

(c) In accordance with long-standing rulings of the Department, if the producing character of a structure underlying a tract of land is actually known prior to the date of the Department's official pronouncement on that subject, it is the date of the ascertainment of the fact, and not the date of the pronouncement, that is determinative of rights which depend upon whether the land is or is not situated within a known geologic structure of a producing oil or gas field. Ernest A. Hanson, A–26375 (May 29, 1952), and cases cited therein. All determinations are subject to change at any time upon receipt of further information through the drilling of wells and other sources. Accordingly, lessees or applicants for leases should not rely upon the maps, diagrams, determinations or notices thereof, as currently controlling documents.

(d) Any lessee or his operator may apply to the Director of the Geological Survey for a determination whether the land in his lease is inside or outside the productive limits of a producing oil or gas deposit as such limits existed on August 8, 1946.

§ 3120.3 Drainage.

§ 3120.3–1 Compensation for drainage.

Upon a determination by the Director of the Geological Survey that lands owned by the United States are being drained of oil or gas by wells drilled on adjacent lands, the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management, may execute agreements with the owners of adjacent lands whereby the United States, or the United States and its lessees, shall be compensated for such drainage, such agreements to be made with the consent of any lessee affected thereby. The precise nature of any agreement will depend on the conditions and circumstances involved in the particular case.

§ 3120.3–2 Protection from drainage.

(a) Where land in any lease is being drained of its oil or gas content by a well either on a Federal lease issued at a lower rate of royalty or on land not the property of the United States, the lessee must drill and produce all wells necessary to protect the leased lands from drainage. In lieu of drilling such wells, the lessee may, with the consent of the Director of the Geological Survey, pay compensatory royalty in the amount determined in accordance with 30 CFR 221.21.

(b) The payment of compensatory royalty shall extend the primary or extended term of any lease for the period during which such compensatory royalty is paid, and for a period of one year from the discontinuance of such payment, and for so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities.

§ 3120.3–3 Leasing of wildlife refuge lands, game range lands and coordination lands.

(a) *Definitions*—(1) *Wildlife refuge lands.* Such lands are those embraced in a withdrawal of public domain and acquired lands of the United States for the protection of all species of wildlife within a particular area. Sole and complete jurisdiction over such lands for wildlife conservation purposes is vested in the United States Fish and Wildlife Service even though such lands may be subject to prior rights for other public purposes or, by the terms of the withdrawal order, may be subject to mineral leasing.

(2) *Game range lands.* Game ranges created by a withdrawal of public lands and reserved for dual purposes, namely protection and improvement of the public grazing lands and natural forage resources and conservation and development of natural wildlife resources, are under the joint jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

(3) *Coordination lands.* These lands are withdrawn or acquired by the Government and made available to the States by cooperative agreements entered into between the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the game commissions of the various States, in accordance with the act of March 10,

1934 (48 Stat. 401), as amended by the act of August 14, 1946 (60 Stat. 1080), or by long-term leases or agreements between the Department of Agriculture and the game commissions of the various States pursuant to the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (50 Stat. 525), as amended, where such lands were subsequently transferred to the Department of the Interior, with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service as the custodial agency of the Government.

(4) *Alaska wildlife areas.* Such lands are areas in Alaska created by a withdrawal of public lands for the management of natural wildlife resources and administered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

(b) *Leasing policy and procedure.* (1) No offers for oil and gas leases covering wildlife refuge lands will be accepted and no leases covering such lands will be issued except as provided in subparagraph (2) of this paragraph. There shall be no drilling or prospecting under any lease heretofore or hereafter issued on lands within a wildlife refuge except with the consent and approval of the Secretary of the Interior with the concurrence of the Fish and Wildlife Service as to the time, place and nature of such operations in order to give complete protection to wildlife populations and wildlife habitat on the areas leased, and all such operations shall be conducted in accordance with the stipulations in the Bureau of Land Management stipulation on a form approved by the Director.

(2) In instances where it is determined by the Geological Survey that any of the lands mentioned in paragraph (a)(1), or any of the lands mentioned in paragraph (a) (2), (3) and (4) of this section and defined in this section as not available for leasing are subject to drainage, the Bureau of Land Management, with the concurrence of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, will process an offering inviting competitive bids in accordance with the then existing regulations relating to competitive oil and gas leasing. Such leases shall be issued only upon approval by the Secretary of the Interior and shall contain such stipulations as are necessary to assure that leasing activities and drilling shall be carried out in such a manner as will result in a minimum of damage to wildlife resources.

(3) As to game range lands and Alaska wildlife areas, representatives of the appropriate office of the Bureau of Land Management and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service will confer for the purpose of entering into an agreement specifying those lands which shall not be subject to oil and gas leasing. No such agreement shall become effective, however, until approved by the Secretary of the Interior. As to coordination lands, representatives of the Bureau of Land Management and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service will, in cooperation with the authorized members of the various State game commissions, confer for the purpose of determining by agreement those lands which shall not be subject to oil and gas leasing.

(4) The remaining lands in paragraph (a) (2) and (4) of this section not closed to oil and gas leasing will be subject to leasing on the imposition of such stipulations agreed upon by the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Bureau of Land Management. The remaining lands in paragraph (a) (3) of this section not closed to oil and gas leasing will be subject to leasing on the imposition of such stipulations agreed upon by the State Game Commission, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Land Management.

(c) *Publication and filing of agreements; filing of lease offers.* The agreements referred to in paragraph (b) (3) of this section shall be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER and shall contain a description of the lands affected thereby which are not subject to oil and gas leasing, together with a statement of the stipulations agreed upon by the parties thereto for inclusion in such leases to assure that all operations under the lease shall be carried out in such a manner as will result in a minimum of damage to wildlife resources. The agreements, as supplemented by maps or plats specifically delineating the lands will be filed in the appropriate land offices of the Bureau of Land Management where they may be inspected by the public at the usual hours specified for that purpose. Lease offers for such lands will not be accepted for filing until the tenth day after the agreements and supplemental maps or plats are noted on the land office records.

(d) *Suspension of pending applications.* All pending offers or applications

heretofore filed for oil and gas leases covering game ranges, coordination lands, and Alaska wildlife areas, will continue to be suspended until the agreements referred to in paragraph (b) (3) of this section shall have been completed.

(e) *Lands in requested withdrawal.* All existing offers or applications for oil and gas leases covering lands included in request for withdrawals for wildlife refuges, game ranges, coordination lands or Alaska wildlife areas, as defined herein, shall be suspended until after the consummation of the withdrawal, and thereafter such offers shall be considered in accordance with the provisions of this section.

NOTE:

Stipulations. For inclusion in oil and gas leases entered into pursuant to this section relating to oil and gas leases in wildlife refuge, game range, and coordination lands.

Instructions. (1) The following stipulations will be made a part of Interior Department lease forms. These stipulations will be made applicable as terms and conditions of performance by lessees under all oil and gas leases entered into under authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior over game range, coordination or Alaska Wildlife lands pursuant to the order of the Secretary of the Interior published in 23 F.R. 227, January 11, 1958.

(2) Should compliance with one or more of these terms and conditions be considered unduly burdensome and unnecessary to the protection of wildlife resources, the lessee may request waiver thereof by letter addressed to the Secretary of the Interior setting forth, in full, the reasons why a waiver is considered necessary. The authority to grant such waivers shall be discretionary and may be exercised only by the Secretary or the Under Secretary of the Interior.

(3) The authorized officer shall (a) approve no plan of operation that contains provisions inconsistent with the stipulations hereinafter set forth; (b) waive no term or condition in a lease; or (c) exercise no discretion vested in him unless he is satisfied the exercise of that discretion will not damage any wildlife resource.

(4) Drilling and production operations under the lease shall be under the direction of the Geological Survey.

Terms and conditions. (1) as used herein:

(a) The term "lessee" includes the lessee, heirs and assigns of the lessee and persons operating on behalf of the lessee;

(b) The term "wildlife resources" includes fish and wildlife resources and concentrations, fish and wildlife management operations and range improvements and facilities;

(c) The term "authorized officer" means the State Director of the Bureau of Land Management in the State in which the land is located, and, in Alaska, the Refuge Manager of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife;

(2) The lessee shall:

(a) Comply with all the rules and regulations of the Secretary of the Interior:

(b) Prior to the beginning of operations, appoint and maintain at all times during the term of the lease a local agent upon whom may be served written orders or notices respecting matters contained in these stipulations and to inform the authorized officer in writing of the name and address of such agent. If a substitute agent is appointed, the lessee shall immediately inform the said representative;

(c) Conduct all authorized activities in a manner satisfactory to the authorized officer with due regard for good land management and avoid damage to improvements, timber, crops, and wildlife cover, and fill all sump holes, ditches, and other excavations or cover all debris, and so far as reasonably possible, restore the surface of the leased lands to their former condition and when required to bury all pipelines below plow depth. The authorized officer shall have the right to enter all the premises at any time to inspect both the installation and operational activities of the lessee;

(d) Take such steps as may be necessary to prevent damage to wildlife;

(e) Do all in his power to prevent and suppress forest, brush, or grass fires and to require his employees, contractors, subcontractors and employees of contractors or subcontractors to do likewise;

(f) Install adequate blow-out prevention equipment;

(g) Construct ring dikes and sump pits to confine drilling mud and other pollutants and make safe disposition of salt water by use of injection wells or such other method as may be approved in the plan of operation;

(h) Cover flare pits in acres of wildlife concentration;

(i) Remove derricks, dikes, equipment, and structures not required in producing operations within 60 days after the completion of drilling;

(j) Comply with and see to it that his agents and employees comply with all Federal, State, or territorial laws relating to hunting, fishing, and trapping;

(k) Commit the lease to any unit plan required in the interest of conservation of oil or gas resources or for the protection of wildlife;

(l) Prior to the conduct of geological, geophysical, or core drilling operations or construction of any facilities, or prior to operations to drill or produce, submit in triplicate for approval in writing by the authorized officer a plan of operation that will include detailed statements indicating the manner

in which the lessee will comply with these stipulations together with a statement that the lessee agrees that compliance with these stipulations and with the approved plan of operations are conditions of performance under this lease and that failure to comply with these provisions (unless they are waived by the Secretary or the Under Secretary of the Interior) will be grounds for cancellation of the lease by the United States. Notwithstanding other provisions in these stipulations, the lessee shall include in any plan of operation specific provisions relating to: The time, place, depth and strength of seismographic shots, maps showing the location of his leases included in the plan, actual and proposed access roads, bunkhouses, proposed well locations, storage and utility facilities, water storage, pipelines and pumping stations; the type of safety equipment that will be employed; the methods to be used to assure the disposition of drilling mud, pollutants, and other debris; the location of facilities in relation to flood levels; and such other specific matters as the authorized officer may require. The plan of operation shall be kept current in all respects and all revisions and amendments submitted to the authorized officer for written approval;

(m) Do all things reasonably necessary to prevent or reduce to the fullest extent scarring and erosion of the land, pollution of the water resources and any damage to the watershed. Where construction, operation, or maintenance of any of the facilities on or connected with this lease causes damage to the watershed or pollution of the water resource, the lessee agrees to repair such damage, including reseeding and to take such corrective measures to prevent further pollution or damage to the watershed as are deemed necessary by the authorized officer;

(n) File the bond required by section 2a (4) of the lease before conducting any operations on the leasehold, and file any additional bond required by the authorized officer to pay for damages to wildlife habitat, including trees and shrubs, or wildlife improvements;

(o) Agree to respect and comply with any new requirements imposed by the Secretary of the Interior, or the authorized officer, on the operating program as operating experience proves necessary in order to give complete protection to wildlife populations and wildlife habitat on the areas leased.

(3) The lessee shall not:

(a) Construct roads, pipelines, utility lines, and attendant facilities that are either unnecessary or which might interfere with wildlife habitat or resources or with drainage;

(b) Modify or change the character of streams, lakes, ponds, water holes, seeps, and marshes, except by advance approval in writing by the authorized officer, nor shall he in any way pollute such streams, lakes, ponds, water holes, seeps, or marshes;

(c) Conduct operations at such times as will interfere with wildlife concentrations;

(d) Conduct geological or geophysical explorations that might damage any wildlife resource and such operations shall be conducted only in accordance with advance approval in writing by the authorized officer as to the time, manner of travel and disturbances of surfaces and the facilities required for the protection of wildlife.

(e) Use explosives in fish spawning or rearing areas, nesting areas, lambing grounds, or other areas of wildlife concentration during periods of intense activity or at any other time or in any manner that might damage any wildlife resources; the pattern size, and depth of seismographic shots shall be submitted to the authorized officer for advance approval in writing and immediately following the detonation of any seismographic charge, the hole shall be filled or plugged and any surface damage repaired to the satisfaction of the authorized officer;

(f) Without advance approval in writing, use any water or water source controlled or developed by the United States;

(g) Use mobile equipment under such conditions as to permanently damage surface resources, cause scarring and erosion, or interfere with wildlife concentration;

(h) Conduct geological, or geophysical, or core drilling operations or construct roads, bunkhouses or any facilities or drill or produce under a lease until the submittal and approval in writing of a plan of operation pursuant to section (2) (m) supra or deviate therefrom until any revisions or amendments of said plan have been approved in writing by the authorized officer.

(i) Burn rubbish, trash, or other inflammable materials or use explosives in a manner or at a time that would constitute a fire hazard.

§ 3120.4 Preference right of patentee or entryman to a lease.

(a) An entryman or patentee who made entry prior to February 25, 1920, or an assignee of such entryman or a vendee of such patentee if the assignment or conveyance was made prior to January 1, 1918, for lands not withdrawn or classified or known to be valuable for oil and gas at date of entry shall be entitled, if the entry or patent is impressed with a reservation of the oil or gas, to a preference right to a lease for the land. A settler whose settlement was made prior to February 25, 1920, on land in the same status but which has since been withdrawn, classified, or is known to contain oil or gas, also has such a preference right.

(b) Any offeror for a lease to lands owned, entered or settled upon as stated above must notify the person entitled to a preference right of the filing of the offer and of the latter's preference right for 30 days after notice to apply for a lease. If the party entitled to a preference right files a proper offer within the 30-day period, he will be awarded a lease; but if he fails to do so, his rights will be considered to have terminated.

§ 3120.5 Lands in entries or claims not impressed with a reservation of oil and gas.

(a) Where an offer is filed to lease lands noncompetitively in an entry or settlement claim not impressed with an oil or gas reservation, the offer will be rejected unless it is found that the land is prospectively valuable for oil or gas. An offeror for a lease for land already embraced in a nonmineral entry without a reservation of the mineral, and likewise a nonmineral entryman or settler who is contending that the land is nonmineral in character should submit with their respective offer and application, showings of as complete and accurate geologic data as may be procurable, preferably the reports and opinions of qualified experts.

(b) Should the land be found to be prospectively valuable for oil or gas, the entryman or settler will be notified thereof and allowed a reasonable time to apply for reclassification of the land as nonmineral, submitting a showing therewith, and to apply for a hearing in the event that reclassification is denied, or to appeal. If he does neither, or he is unsuccessful, the entry or settlement rights and any patent issued pursuant thereto will be impressed with a reservation of oil and gas to the United States. In such circumstances a lease will be granted to the offeror, all else being regular, unless the entryman or settler has a preference right.

§ 3120.6 Showing required for unsurveyed lands.

Every offeror for oil and gas lease for unsurveyed lands, must state in his offer that there are no settlers upon the land, or if there be settlers, give the name and post office address of each and a description of the lands claimed, by metes and bounds and approximate legal subdivisions.

Subpart 3121—Cooperative Conservation Provisions

§ 3121.1 Cooperative or unit plans.

The act authorizes lessees and their representatives to unite with each other, or jointly or separately with others, in collectively adopting and operating under a cooperative or unit plan of development or operation of any oil or gas pool, field, or like area, or any part thereof (whether or not any part of such pool, field, or like area is then subject to any cooperative or unit plan of development or operation). The agreement must be for the purpose of more properly conserving the natural resources of any such oil or gas pool, field, or area covered thereby and must be determined and certified by the Secretary of the Interior to be necessary or advisable in the public interest. The Secretary, with the consent of the lessees, is authorized to establish, alter, change or revoke drilling, producing, rental, minimum royalty, and royalty requirements of the leases and to make such regulations with reference to such leases as he may deem necessary or proper to secure the protection of the public interest. All leases committed to any unit or cooperative plan approved or prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior shall be excepted in determining acreage charges. For the extension of leases committed to a unit plan, see § 3127.4.

§ 3121.2 Applications for approval of plan.

The procedure in obtaining approval of a cooperative or unit plan of development including suggested text of an agreement acceptable to the Department is contained in 30 CFR Part 226, "Unit or Cooperative Agreements". All applications to unitize and all documents incident thereto shall be filed in the office of the oil and gas supervisor, Geological Survey for the region in which the unit area is situated.

§ 3121.3 Communitization or drilling agreements.

(a) The Secretary is authorized when separate tracts under lease cannot be independently developed and operated in conformity with an established well-spacing or well-development program, to approve communitization or drilling agreements for the lease or any portion

thereof with other lands, whether or not owned by the United States, when in the public interest. Operations or production pursuant to such an agreement shall be deemed to be operations or production as to each lease committed thereto.

(b) Preliminary requests to communitize separate tracts shall be filed in triplicate with the oil and gas supervisor and executed agreements shall be submitted in sufficient number to permit retention of five copies by the Department after approval.

(c) The agreement shall describe the separate tracts comprising the drilling or spacing unit, shall show the apportionment of the production or royalties to the several parties and the name of the operator, and shall contain adequate provisions for the protection of the interests of all parties, including the United States. The agreement must be signed by or in behalf of all necessary parties and will be effective only after approval by the Secretary of the Interior as provided therein.

§ 3121.4 Approval of operating, drilling, or development contracts.

(a) The authority of the Secretary to approve operating, drilling, or development contracts without regard to acreage limitations ordinarily will be exercised only to permit operators or pipeline companies to enter into contracts with a number of lessees sufficient to justify operations on a large scale for the discovery, development, production, or transportation of oil or gas and to finance the same.

(b) A contract submitted for approval under this provision should be filed with the appropriate land office manager, Bureau of Land Management, together with enough copies to permit retention of 5 copies by the Department after approval. It should be accompanied by a statement showing all the interests held by the contractor in the area or field and the proposed or agreed plan of operation or development of the field. All the contracts held by the same contractor in the area or field should be submitted for approval at the same time, and full disclosure of the project made. Complete details must be furnished in order that the Secretary may have facts upon which to make a definite determination in accordance with the provisions of the act, and prescribe the conditions on which approval of the contracts is made.

§ 3121.5 Combinations for joint operation or for transportation of oil.

Upon obtaining the approval of the Secretary, lessees may combine their interests in leases for the purpose of constructing and carrying on the business of a refinery, or of estblishing and constructing as a common carrier a pipe line or lines of railroads to be operated and used by them jointly in the transportation of oil from their several wells or from the wells of other lessees, or to increase the acreage which may be acquired or held under the provisions of section 17 of the act relating to competitive leases. An application under this section together with enough copies to permit retention of 5 copies by the Department after approval should be filed with the Director, Bureau of Land Management. The application must show a reasonable need for the combination and that it will not result in any concentration of control over the production or sale of oil and gas which would be inconsistent with the anti-monopoly provisions of the law. Rights-of-way for oil and gas pipe lines may be granted as provided for in § 2234 of this chapter.

§ 3121.6 Subsurface storage of oil or gas.

(a) In order to avoid waste or to promote conservation of natural resources, the Secretary of the Interior, upon application by the interested parties, may authorize the subsurface storage of oil or gas, whether or not produced from federally owned lands, in lands leased or subject to lease under the act. Such authorization will provide for the payment of such storage fee or rental on the stored oil or gas as may be determined adequate in each case, or, in lieu thereof, for a royalty other than that prescribed in the lease when such stored oil or gas is produced in conjunction with oil or gas not previously produced. Any lease used for the storage of oil or gas shall be extended for the period of such storage and so long thereafter as oil or gas not previously produced is produced in paying quantities.

(b) Applications for subsurface storage shall be filed in triplicate with the oil and gas supervisor and shall disclose the ownership of the lands involved, the

parties in interest, the storage fee, rental, or royalty offered to be paid for such storage and all essential information showing the necessity for such project. Enough copies of the final agreement signed by the parties in interest shall be submitted for the approval of the Secretary to permit retention of 5 copies by the Department after approval.

Subpart 3122—Issuance of Leases

§ 3122.1 Classes and term.

(a) All lands subject to disposition under the act which are known or believed to contain oil or gas may be leased by the Secretary of the Interior. When land is within the known geologic structure of a producing oil or gas field prior to the actual issuance of a lease, it may be leased only by competitive bidding and in units of not more than 640 acres to the highest responsible qualified bidder at a royalty of not less than 12½ percent. Leases for not to exceed 2,560 acres, except where the rule of approximation applies, entirely within an area of six miles square or within an area not exceeding six surveyed sections in length or width measured in cardinal directions, may be issued for all other land subject to the act to the first qualified offeror at a royalty of 12½ percent.

(b) All competitive leases shall be for a primary term of five years and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities and noncompetitive leases for a primary term of ten years and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities.

(c) Competitive and noncompetitive oil and gas leases for lands in which the United States owns an undivided fractional oil and gas interest may be issued pursuant to the regulations in this part, subject to the provisions of this section.

(d) Rentals, minimum royalties and royalties payable for lands in which the United States owns an undivided fractional interest shall be in the same proportion to the rentals, minimum royalties and royalties provided in §§ 3125.1, 3125.2 and 3125.3, respectively, of this part, as the undivided fractional interest of the United States in the oil and gas underlying the leased lands is to the full mineral interest.

§ 3122.2 Dating of leases.

All competitive and noncompetitive oil and gas leases, excepting renewal leases, will be dated as of the first day of the month following the date the leases are signed on behalf of the lessor except that where prior written request is made a lease may be dated the first of the month within which it is so signed.

§ 3122.3 Leases within unit areas.

(a) Before issuance of an oil and gas lease for lands within an approved unit agreement, the lease applicant or offeror or successful bidder will be required to file evidence that he has entered into an agreement with the unit operator for the development and operation of the lands in his lease under and pursuant to the terms and provisions of the approved unit agreement, or a statement giving satisfactory reasons for the failure to enter into such agreement. If such statement is acceptable, he will be permitted to operate independently but will be required to conform to the terms and provisions of the agreement with respect to such operations.

(b) In case an application or offer for a noncompetitive lease embracing lands partly within and partly without the exterior boundaries of a unitized area is found acceptable, separate leases will be issued, one embracing the lands within the unit area, and one the lands outside of such area.

§ 3122.4 Exchange and renewal leases.

§ 3122.4–1 Conditions.

Any lease which issued for a term of 20 years, or any renewal thereof, or which issued in exchange for a 20-year lease prior to August 8, 1946, may be exchanged for a new lease. Such new lease will be issued for a primary term of five years and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities and will contain the rental and royalty rates prescribed in §§ 3125.1 thru 3125.3. An application to exchange a lease for a new lease should be filed in triplicate by the lessee with the manager of the appropriate land office, must show full compliance by the applicant with the terms of the lease and applicable regulations, and must be accompanied by a nonrefundable filing fee of $10.

§ 3122.4–2 Application for renewal.

(a) Twenty-year leases or renewals thereof may be renewed for successive terms of 10 years at the rental and royalty rates specified for such renewal leases in §§ 3125.1 through 3125.3. An application to renew should be filed in triplicate, in the proper office as prescribed in § 3123.1(b) at least 90 days, but not more than six months, prior to the expiration of its term, and must be accompanied by a nonrefundable filing fee of $10. Such application should be made by the record title holder or holders of the lease and may be joined in or consented to by the operator of record. The application should show whether all moneys due the United States have been paid and whether operations under the lease have been conducted in accordance with the regulations of the Department.

(b) The applicant or his operator shall furnish in triplicate with the application

for renewal, copies of all agreements not theretofore filed providing for overriding royalties or other payments out of production from the lease which will be in existence as of the date of its expiration. When such payments, including overriding royalties, are in excess of 5 percent of gross production a detailed statement of the income from and costs of operation of the lease for the twelve month period immediately preceding the month in which the application for renewal is filed must also be furnished.

§ 3122.4–3 Action on application.

(a) If the outstanding obligations in excess of five percent of gross production payable from production do not constitute a burden on the lease prejudicial to the interests of the United States, they will not be considered a bar to its renewal but any lease that may be issued will be upon the condition, to be incorporated in the lease, that if and when the cost of operations, including the payment of over-riding royalties or payments out of production, shall be determined by the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management to constitute such a burden such royalties and payments shall be reduced to not more than 5 percent of the value of the production. If no objection to the renewal of the lease appears, copies of a renewal lease, in triplicate, dated the first day of the month in which the original lease terminated, will be forwarded to the lessee for execution. If upon receipt of the executed lease forms and a satisfactory lease bond, the lease is executed, one copy thereof will be delivered to the lessee.

(b) If a determination is made that overriding royalties and payments out of production in excess of 5 percent of gross production constitute a burden on lease operations to the extent that proper and timely development will be retarded, or continued operation of the lease impaired, or premature abandonment of the wells caused, the lease application will be suspended and the parties in interest will be offered an opportunity to reduce the excessive overriding royalties or other payments out of production to not more than 5 percent of the value of the production. If the holders of outstanding overriding royalty or other interests payable out of production, the operator, and the lessee are unable to enter into a mutually fair and equitable agreement, any of the parties may apply for a hearing at which all interested parties may be heard and written statements presented. Thereupon a final decision will be rendered by the Department outlining the conditions acceptable to it as a basis for a fair and reasonable adjustment of the excessive overriding royalties and other payments out of production, and an opportunity will be afforded within a fixed period of time to submit proof that such adjustment has been affected. Upon failure to submit such proof within the time so fixed, the application for renewal will be denied.

§ 3122.4–4 Form of lease.

Renewal and exchange leases will be issued on a form approved by the Director. The rentals and royalties payable thereunder will be set out on such schedule as may be appropriate.

Subpart 3123—Noncompetitive Leases

§ 3123.1 Application.

(a) Except as provided in § 3123.9, to obtain a non-competitive lease an offer to accept such lease must be made on a form approved by the Director, "Offer to lease and lease for oil and gas," or on unofficial copies of that form in current use: *Provided*, That the copies are exact reproductions of one page of both sides of the official approved one page form and are without additions, omissions or other changes or advertising. The official form or a valid reproduction of the official form will also constitute the lease when signed by the Manager of the Land Office.

(b) Five copies of the official form, or valid reproduction thereof, for each offer to lease shall be filed in the proper land office (see § 1821.2–1 of this chapter). For the purpose of this part an offer will be considered filed when it is received in the proper office during business hours.

(c) If there is any variation in the land descriptions among the five copies

of the official forms, the copy showing the date and time of receipt in the land office will control.

(d) Each offer must be filled in by typewriter or printed plainly in ink and signed in ink by the offeror or the offeror's duly authorized attorney in fact or agent. An offer may be made by a legal guardian or trustee in his name for the benefit of a non-alien minor or minors but an offer may not be filed by a minor. An offer may not include more than 2,560 acres except where the rule of approximation applies. The lands in the offer must be entirely within an area of six miles square or within an area not exceeding six surveyed sections in length or width. No offer may be made for less than 640 acres except where the offer is accompanied by a showing that the lands are in an approved unit or cooperative plan of operation or such a plan which has been approved as to form by the Director of the Geological Survey, or where the land is surrounded by lands not available for leasing under the act.

§ 3123.2 What should accompany offer.

Each offer, when first filed, shall be accompanied by:

(a) A filing fee of $10 which will be retained as a service charge, even though the offer should be rejected or withdrawn in whole or in part.

(b) Full payment of the first year's rental based on the total acreage if known, and if not known, on the basis of 40 acres for each smallest legal subdivision.

(c) (1) Except in the case where a member or a partner signs an offer on behalf of an association (as to which, see paragraph (f) (1) of this section), or where an officer of a corporation signs an offer on behalf of the corporation (as to which, see paragraph (g) of this section), evidence of the authority of the attorney-in-fact or agent to sign the offer and lease, if the offer is signed by such attorney or agent on behalf of the offeror. Where such evidence has previously been filed in the same land office where the offer is filed, a reference to the serial number of the record in which it has been filed, together with a statement by the attorney-in-fact or agent that such authority is still in effect will be accepted.

(2) A statement over the offeror's signature setting forth whether the offeror's direct and indirect interests in oil and gas leases, applications, and offers therefor and options exceed 246,080 acres in the same State of which no more than 200,000 acres are under option, or exceed 300,000 acres in each of the northern and southern leasing districts of Alaska, of which no more than 200,000 acres are held under option in each of said leasing districts and in addition, if the offeror is an individual, a statement of his citizenship.

(3) A signed statement by the offeror that he is the sole party in interest in the offer and the lease, if issued; if not he shall set forth the names of the other interested parties. If there are other parties interested in the offer a separate statement must be signed by them and by the offeror, setting forth the nature and extent of the interest of each in the offer, the nature of the agreement between them if oral, and a copy of such agreement if written. All interested parties must furnish evidence of their qualifications to hold such lease interest. Such separate statement and written agreement, if any, must be filed not later than 15 days after the filing of the lease offer. Failure to file the statement and written agreement within the time allowed will result in the cancellation of any lease that may have been issued pursuant to the offer. Upon execution of the lease the first year's rental will be earned and deposited in the U.S. Treasury and will not be returnable even though the lease is canceled.

(d) (1) If the offer is signed by an attorney in fact or agent, it shall be accompanied by separate statements over the signatures of the attorney in fact or agent and the offeror stating whether or not there is any agreement or understanding between them or with any other person, either oral or written, by which the attorney in fact or agent or such other person has received or is to receive any interest in the lease when issued, including royalty interest or interest in any operating agreement under the lease, giving full details of the agreement or understanding if it is a verbal one. The statement must be accompanied by a copy of any such written agreement or understanding. If such an agreement or understanding exists, the statement of the attorney in fact or agent should set forth the citizenship of the attorney in fact or agent or other person and whether his direct and indirect interests in oil and gas leases, applications, and offers including options for such leases or interests therein exceed 246,080 acres in any one State, of which no more than 200,000 acres may be held under option, or exceeds the permissible acreage in Alaska as set forth in § 3120.1–2. The statement by the principal (offeror) may be filed within 15 days after the filing of the offer. This requirement does not apply in cases in which the attorney in fact or agent is a member of an unincorporated association (including a partnership), or is an officer of a corporation and has an interest in the offer or the lease to be issued solely by reason of the fact that he is a member of the association or a stockholder in the corporation.

(2) If the power of attorney specifically limits the authority of the attorney in fact to file offers to lease for the sole and exclusive benefit of the principal and not in behalf of any other person in whole or in part, and grants specific authority to the attorney in fact to execute all statements of interest and of holdings in behalf of the principal and to execute all other statements required, or which may be required, by the Acts and the regulations, and the principal agrees therein to be bound by such representations of the attorney in fact and waives any and all defenses which may be available to the principal to contest,

negate or disaffirm the actions of the attorney in fact under the power of attorney, then the requirement that statements must be executed by the offeror will be dispensed with and such statements executed by the attorney in fact will be acceptable as compliance with the provisions of the regulations.

(e) If the offer is made by a guardian or trustee, a certified copy of the court order authorizing him to act as such and to fulfill in behalf of the minor or minors all obligations of the lease or arising thereunder; his statements as to the citizenship and holdings of each of the minors; and a similar statement as to his own citizenship and holdings under the leasing act, including his holdings for the benefit of other minors.

(1) Where evidence of the authority to act of a guardian, trustee, an executor or administrator, or where articles of association, including partnership agreements, have previously been filed pursuant to regulations in this section, a reference by serial number to the record in which such evidence has previously been filed, together with a statement as to any amendments thereof will be accepted.

(f) (1) If the offeror is an association which meets the requirements of § 3101.1 of this chapter, the offer shall be accompanied by a certified copy of its articles of association or partnership, together with a statement showing (i) that it is authorized to hold oil and gas leases; (ii) that the member or partner executing the lease is authorized to act on behalf of the association in such matters; and (iii) the names and addresses of all members owning or controlling more than 10 percent of the association. A separate statement from each person owning or controlling more than 10 percent of the association, setting forth his citizenship and holdings, shall also be furnished. Where such material has previously been filed, a reference by serial number to the record in which it has been filed, together with a statement as to any amendments, will be accepted.

(2) If the offer is made by an association which does not meet the requirements of § 3101.1 of this chapter, the same showing as to citizenship and holdings of its members shall be made as is required of an individual.

(g) If the offeror is a corporation, the offer must be accompanied by a statement showing (1) the State in which it is incorporated, (2) that it is authorized to hold oil and gas leases and that the officer executing the lease is authorized to act on behalf of the corporation in such matters, (3) the percentage of voting stock and of all the stock owned by aliens or those having addresses outside of the United States, and (4) the names and addresses of the stockholders holding more than 10 percent of the stock of the corporation. Where the stock owned by aliens is over 10 percent, additional information may be required by the Bureau before the lease is issued or production is obtained. A separate statement from each stockholder owning or controlling more than 10 percent of the stock of the corporation setting forth his citizenship and holdings must also be furnished. Where such material has previously been filed a reference by serial number to the record in which it has been filed, together with a statement as to any amendments will be accepted.

(h) An offer for a fractional interest noncompetitive oil and gas lease must be filed on a form approved by the Director in accordance with § 3123.1. The offer must be accompanied by a statement showing the extent of the offeror's ownership of the operating rights to the fractional mineral interest not owned by the United States in each tract covered by the offer to lease. Ordinarily, the issuance of a noncompetitive fractional interest oil and gas lease to one who, upon such issuance, would own less than 50 percent of the operating rights in any such tract, will not be regarded as in the public interest, and an offer leading to such result will be rejected.

§ 3123.3 Rejection of offer.

(a) When any person, association, corporation, or other entity or business enterprise files an offer to lease for inclusion in a drawing, and an offer (or offers) to lease is filed for the same lands in the same drawing by any person or party acting for, on behalf of, or in collusion with the other person, association, corporation, entity or business enterprise, under any agreement, scheme, or plan which would give either, or both, a greater probability of successfully obtaining a lease, or interest therein, in any public drawing, held pursuant to § 3123.9, all offers filed by either party will be rejected. Similarly, where an agent or broker files an offer to lease for the same lands in behalf of more than one offeror under an agreement that, if a lease issues to any of such offerors, the agent or broker will participate in any proceeds derived from such lease, the agent or broker obtains thereby a greater probability of success in obtaining a share in the proceeds of the lease and all such offers filed by such agent or broker will also be rejected. Should any such offer be given a priority as a result of such a drawing, it will be similarly rejected. In the event a lease is issued on the basis of any such offer, action will be taken for the cancellation of all interests in said lease held by each person who acquired any interest therein as a result of collusive filing unless the rights of a bona fide purchaser as provided for in § 3104.2 intervene, whether the pertinent information regarding it is obtained by or was available to the Government before or after the lease was issued.

(b) Except as provided in § 3123.4 an offer which is not filed in accordance with the regulations in this part will be rejected and will afford the offeror no priority.

(c) If, after the filing of an offer for a noncompetitive lease and before the issuance of a lease pursuant to that offer, the land embraced in the offer becomes within a known geological structure of a producing oil or gas field, the offer will be rejected and will afford the offeror no priority.

§ 3123.4 Curable defects.

An offer to lease containing any of the following deficiencies will be approved by the signing officer provided all other requirements are met:

(a) An offer deficient in the first year's rental by not more than 10 percent. The additional rental must be paid within 30 days from notice under penalty of cancellation of the lease.

(b) An offer covering not more than 10 percent over the maximum allowable acreage of 2,560 acres. The lease will be approved for 2,560 acres in the discretion of the signing officer or so much over that amount as may be included under the rule of approximation.

(c) An offer completed in pencil or script.

(d) An offer on a lease form not currently in use.

(e) An offer on a form not correctly reproduced provided it contains the statement that the offeror agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of the lease form in effect at the date of filing.

§ 3123.5 Issuance of lease; assignments and withdrawal of offer.

(a) An offer may not be withdrawn, either in whole or in part, unless the withdrawal is received by the land office before the lease, an amendment of the lease, or a separate lease, whichever covers the land described in the withdrawal, has been signed on behalf of the United States.

(b) The United States will indicate its acceptance of the lease offer, in whole or in part, and the issuance of the lease by the signature of the appropriate officer thereof in the space provided. An executed copy of the lease will be mailed to the offeror at the address of record.

(c) If any of the land described in item 2 of the offer is open to oil and gas filing when the offer is filed but is omitted from the lease for any reason and thereafter becomes available for leasing to the offeror, the original lease will be amended to include the omitted land unless, before the issuance of the amendment, the land office receives a withdrawal of the offer with respect to such land or an election to receive a separate lease in lieu of an amendment. Such election shall consist of a signed statement by the offeror asking for a separate lease accompanied by a new offer on the required form describing the remaining lands in his original offer, executed pursuant to this section. The new offer will have the same priority as the old offer. It need not be accompanied by the filing fee. The rental payment held on the original offer will be applied to the new offer. The rental and the lease term for the land added by such an amendment shall be the same as if the land had been included in the original lease when it was issued. If a separate lease is issued, it will be dated in accordance with § 3122.2.

(d) A transfer of the whole interest in all or any part of the offer may be approved as an incident to the transfer, by assignment or otherwise, of the whole interest in all or any part of the lease. A transfer of an undivided fractional interest in the whole offer may be approved as an incident to the transfer of an undivided fractional interest in the whole lease. An application for approval of a transfer of an offer must include a statement that the transferee agrees to be bound by the offer to the extent that it is transferred and must be signed by the transferee. In other instances transfers of an offer will not be approved prior to the issuance of a lease for the lands or deposits covered by the said transfers.

§ 3123.6 Death of offeror.

If an offeror dies before the lease is issued, the lease will be issued to the executor or administrator of the estate if probate of the estate has not been completed, and if probate has been completed, or is not required, to the heirs or devisees, provided there is filed in all cases an offer to lease in compliance with the requirements of this section which will be effective as of the effective date of the original application or lease offer filed by the deceased. If there are any minor heirs or devisees, such offer can only be made by their legal guardian or trustee in his name. Each such offer must be accompanied by the following information:

(a) Where probate of the estate has not been completed:

(1) Evidence that the person who as executor or administrator submits the offer, and bond form if a bond is required, has authority to act in that capacity and to sign the offer and bond forms.

(2) A statement over the signature of each heir or devisee, similar to that required of an offeror under § 3123.2(d) concerning citizenship and holdings.

(3) Evidence that the heirs or devisees are the heirs or devisees of the deceased offeror and are the only heirs or devisees of the deceased.

(b) Where the executor or administrator has been discharged or no probate proceedings are required:

(1) A certified copy of the will or decree of distribution, if any, and if not, a statement signed by the heirs that they are the only heirs of the offeror and the provisions of the law of the deceased's last domicile showing that no probate is required.

(2) A statement over the signature of each of the heirs or devisees with reference to holdings and citizenship, similar to that required under § 3123.2(d) except that if the heir or devisee is a minor, the statement must be over the signature of the guardian or trustee.

§ 3123.7 Determination of priorities.

No lease shall be issued before final action has been taken on (a) any prior offer to lease the land, (b) any subsequent offer to lease the land that is based upon an alleged preferential right, and (c) any petition for the renewal or reinstatement of an existing or former lease on the land. If a lease is issued before final action has been taken on such an offer or petition, it shall be canceled, after due notice to the lessee, if the offeror or petitioner is found to be qualified and entitled to receive a lease on the land.

§ 3123.8 Description of lands in offer.

(a) If the lands have been surveyed under the public land rectangular system, each offer must describe the lands by legal subdivision, section, township, and range. If the lands have not been so surveyed, each offer must describe the lands by metes and bounds, giving courses and distances between the successive angle points on the boundary of the tract, in cardinal directions except where the boundaries of the lands are in irregular form, and connected by courses and distances to an official corner of the public land surveys. In Alaska the description of unsurveyed lands must be connected by courses and distances to either an official corner of the public land surveys or to a triangulation station established by any agency of the United States (such as the U.S. Geological Survey, the Coast and Geodetic Survey, or the International Boundary Commission), if the record position thereof is available to the general public.

(b) In lease offers embracing unsurveyed public lands adjacent to tidal waters in southern Louisiana and in Alaska, if the offeror finds it impracticable to furnish a metes and bounds description, as required in paragraph (a) of this section with respect to the water boundary, he may, at his option, extend the boundary of his offer into the water a distance sufficient to permit complete enclosure of the water boundary of his offer by a series of courses and distances in cardinal directions (the object being to eliminate the necessity of describing the meanders of the water boundary of the public lands included in the offer). The description in the lease offer shall in all other respects conform to the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section. Such description would not be deemed for any purpose to describe the true water boundaries of the lease, such boundaries in all cases being the ordinary high water mark of the navigable waters. The land boundaries of such over-all area shall include only the public lands embraced in the offer. The offeror shall agree to pay rental on the full acreage included within the description with the understanding that rights under any lease to be issued on that offer will apply only to the areas within that description properly subject to lease under the act, but that the total area described will be considered as the lease acreage for purposes of rental payments, acreage limitations under § 3120.1–2 and the maximum or minimum area to be included in a lease pursuant to § 3123.1, The tract should be shown in outline on a current quadrangle sheet published by the United States Geological Survey or such other map as will adequately identify the lands described.

(c) When protracted surveys have been approved and the effective date thereof published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, all offers to lease lands shown on such protracted surveys, filed on or after such effective date, must, except as provided below, include only entire sections described according to the section, township, and range shown on the approved protracted surveys.

(1) An offer may include less than an entire protracted section where only a portion of such a section is available for lease. In such case the offer must describe all the available lands by subdivisional parts in the same manner as

provided in paragraph (a) of this section for officially surveyed lands. If this is not feasible, as e.g., in the case of an irregular section, the offer must describe the entire section and contain a statement that it shall be deemed to include all of the land in the described section which is available for lease.

(d) The descriptions in leases issued pursuant to offers filed after the effective date of this section will be conformed to the subdivisions of the approved protracted surveys if and when such surveys have been adopted for the area; and the description and acreage of leases issued pursuant to offers filed after the effective date of this section will be adjusted to the official public land surveys when such surveys have been extended over the leased area.

§ 3123.9 Availability of lands.

(a) Lands in cancelled or relinquished leases or in leases which terminate by operation of law for non-payment of rental pursuant to 30 U.S.C. sec. 188, which are not withdrawn from leasing nor on a known geological structure of a producing oil and gas field shall be subject to the filing of new lease offers only after notation on the official record of the cancellation, relinquishment, or termination of such lease and only in accordance with the provisions of this section. All lands covered by leases which expire by operation of law at the end of their primary or extended terms shall likewise be subject to the filing of new lease offers only in accordance with the provisions of this section except that notation of such expiration of the leases need not be made on the official records.

(b) On the third Monday of each month, or the first working day thereafter, if the land office is not officially open on the third Monday, there will be posted on the bulletin board in each land office a list of the lands in leases which expired, were cancelled, were relinquished in whole or in part, or which terminated, together with a notice stating that such lands will become subject to the simultaneous filings of lease offers, in accordance with paragraph (c) of this section, from the time of such posting until 10 a.m. on the fifth working day thereafter. The posted list will describe the lands by leasing units identified by parcel numbers, which will be supplemented by a description of the lands in accordance with § 3123.8, i.e., by subdivision, section, township and range if the lands are surveyed or officially protracted, or if unsurveyed, by metes and bounds.

(c) Offers to lease such designated leasing units by parcel numbers must be submitted on a form approved by the Director, "Simultaneous Oil and Gas Entry Card" signed and fully executed by the applicant or his duly authorized agent in his behalf. The entry card will constitute the applicant's offer to lease the numbered leasing unit by participating in the drawing to determine the successful drawee. By signing and submitting the entry card, the applicant agrees that he will be bound to a lease on a current form approved by the Director for the described parcel if such a lease is issued to him as a result of the drawing. Only one entry card will be drawn for each numbered leasing unit.

(1) Only one complete leasing unit, identified by parcel number, may be included in one entry card. Lands not on the posted list may not be included therein.

(2) The entry card must be accompanied by separate remittances covering the filing fee of $10 and the first year's advance rental. The advance rental must be paid by cash, money order, certified check, bank draft, or bank cashier's check. The filing fee may be paid by a similar remittance or by uncertified check.

(3) Upon determination of the successful drawee for a particular leasing unit, the first year's rental will not be returnable and will be earned and deposited in the United States Treasury upon execution of the lease in behalf of the United States. However, if an applicant withdraws his entry card prior to the drawing or if his offer to lease is rejected, the advance rental will be returned to him, and if the successful drawee is unqualified to receive the lease, the lands in the numbered leasing unit for which such entry card was submitted shall be included in a simultaneous filing

drawing procedure to be held during the next or a following month thereafter. Unsuccessful drawees will be notified accordingly by the return of their respective entry cards.

(d) If more than one offer to lease all or any part of the acreage covered by an expired, cancelled, relinquished, or terminated lease is filed during the period provided for in paragraph (b) of this section, their priorities will be determined by a public drawing.

(e) Offers to lease which cover lands not within the foregoing categories and which are received in the same mail or over the counter at the same time, will be considered as having been filed simultaneously and priority to the extent of the conflicts between them will be determined by a public drawing.

(f) If no offers to lease all or any portion of the lands in the expired, cancelled, relinquished or terminated leases are received during the period provided for in paragraph (b) of this section the lands for which no offers are received will thereafter become subject to lease in accordance with regulations in this part.

Subpart 3124—Competitive Leases

§ 3124.1 Designation and offer of lands for lease.

The lands and deposits subject to disposition under the act which are within the known geologic structure of a producing oil or gas field will be divided into leasing blocks or tracts in units of not exceeding 640 acres each, which shall be as nearly compact in form as possible, and offered for lease at a royalty and rental to be specified in the notice of sale, to the qualified person who offers the highest bonus by competitive bidding either at public auction, or by sealed bids as provided in the notice of sale.

§ 3124.2 Notice of lease offer.

Notice of the offer of lands for lease will be by publication once a week for five consecutive weeks, or for such other period as may be deemed advisable, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the lands or deposits are situated, or in such other publications as the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management may authorize. The notice published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county will contain a statement that the successful bidder will be required, prior to the issuance of a lease to pay his proportionate share of the total cost of publication of that notice which shall be that portion of the total advertising cost that the number of parcels of land awarded to him bears to the number of parcels for which high bidders are declared. The notice will also state the time and place of sale, the manner in which bids may be submitted, the description of the lands, and the terms and conditions of the sale.

§ 3124.3 Qualifications of successful bidder.

The successful bidder at a sale by public auction must on the day of the sale, deposit with the manager of the land office or other officer conducting the sale, and each bidder, if the sale is by sealed bids, must submit with his bid the following: Certified check on a solvent bank, money order, or cash, for one-fifth of the amount bid by him and a statement over the bidder's own signature with respect to citizenship and interests held, similar to that required of an offeror under § 3123.2(c). If the successful bidder is a corporation, it must also file a statement similar to that required by § 3123.2(f).

§ 3124.4 Award of lease.

(a) Following receipt of the report of the auction, or the opening of the sealed bids, the authorized officer, subject to his right to reject any or all bids, will award the lease to the successful bidder. Notice of his action will be forthwith transmitted to the interested parties through the local office. If the lease be awarded, three copies of the lease will be sent to the successful bidder and he will be required within 30 days from receipt thereof to execute them, pay the balance of his bonus bid, the first year's rental, and file a bond as required in § 3126.1. If any bid be rejected, the deposit will be returned. If a bidder, after being awarded a lease, fails to execute it or otherwise comply with the applicable regulations, his deposit will be forfeited and disposed of as other receipts under this act. If the lease awarded to the successful bidder is executed by an attorney acting in behalf of the bidder, the lease must be accompanied by evidence that the bidder authorized the attorney to execute the lease.

(b) If two or more units are awarded to any bidder, such units, where the acreage does not exceed 640 acres, may be included in a single lease if circumstances warrant.

§ 3124.5 Form of lease.

Competitive leases will be issued on a form approved by the Director, and the rentals and royalties payable thereunder will be set forth in a schedule made a part thereof.

Subpart 3125—Rentals and Royalties

§ 3125.1 Rentals.

Rentals shall be payable in advance at the following rates:

(a) On noncompetitive leases issued on and after September 2, 1960, under section 17 of the act for lands which on the day on which the rental falls due lie wholly outside of the known geologic structure of a producing oil or gas field, or on which on the day on which the rental falls due the thirty days' notice period under paragraph (b)(1) of this section has not yet expired, an annual rental of 50 cents per acre or fraction thereof for each lease year.

(1) For the sixth and each succeeding year of a lease which issued prior to September 2, 1960, and in the State of Alaska of any lease whose initial term expired on or after July 3, 1958, rental shall be payable at the rate of 50 cents per acre or fraction thereof.

(2) For each year of the primary term of a lease which issued prior to September 2, 1960, rental shall be payable at the rate set forth in the lease.

(b) On leases wholly or partly within the known geologic structure of a producing oil gas field:

(1) If issued noncompetitively under section 17 of the act, and not committed to a cooperative or unit plan which includes a well capable of producing oil or gas and contains a general provision for allocation of production, beginning with the first lease year after the expiration of thirty days' notice to the lessee that all or part of the land is included in such a structure and for each year thereafter prior to a discovery of oil or gas on the leased lands, rental of $2 per acre or fraction thereof.

(2) If issued noncompetitively under section 17 of the act, and committed to an approved cooperative or unit plan which includes a well capable of producing oil or gas and contains a general provision for allocation of production, the rental prescribed for the respective lease years in paragraph (a) of this section shall apply to the acreage not within a participating area.

(3) If issued competitively, unless a different rate of rental is prescribed in the lease, an annual rental of $2 per acre or fraction thereof prior to a discovery on the leased lands. After a discovery, if the lease is unitized, such rental shall be payable on the nonparticipating acreage only, and royalty as provided in the lease and elsewhere in this Part shall be payable on the participating acreage.

(c) On leases issued in any other way, an annual rental of $1 per acre or fraction thereof.

(d) A lease subject to the provisions of section 31 of the act, as amended by section 1(7) of the Act of July 29, 1954 (30 U.S.C. 188) on which there is no well capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities, shall automatically terminate by operation of law if the lessee fails to pay the full rental due on or before the anniversary date of the lease. However, if the time for payment falls upon any day in which the proper office to receive payment is not open, payment received on the next official working day shall be deemed to be timely. The "anniversary date" of a lease means the same day and month in succeeding years as that on which the lease first became effective. The anniversary date of a lease does not change.

(e) If on the anniversary date of the lease less than a full year remains in the lease term, the rentals due shall be in the same proportion to the annual rental as the period remaining in the lease term is to a full year. The rentals shall be prorated on a monthly basis for the full months, and on a daily basis for the fractional months remaining in the lease term. For the purpose of prorating rentals for a fractional month, each month will be deemed to consist of 30 days.

(1) If the term of a lease for which prorated rentals have been paid is further extended to or beyond the next anniversary date of the lease, rentals for the balance of the lease year shall be due and payable on the date following the

date through which the prorated rentals were paid. If the rentals are not paid for the balance of the lease year, the lease will be subject to cancellation by the Secretary after he has given notice to the lessee in accordance with section 31 of the act. However, if the anniversary date occurs before the end of the notice period, the rental for the ensuing lease year shall nevertheless be due on the anniversary date, and failure to pay the full rental for that year on or before that date shall cause the lease to terminate automatically by operation of law, without relieving the lessee of liability for rental due for the balance of the previous lease year. (30 U.S.C. 189; 41 Stat. 437.) If the time for payment falls upon any day in which the proper office to receive payment is not open, payment received on the next official working day shall be deemed to be timely.

§ 3125.2 Minimum royalty.

On leases issued on or after August 8, 1946, and on those issued prior thereto if the lessee files an election under section 15 of the act of August 8, 1946, a minimum ryality of $1 per acre in lieu of rental, shall be payable at the expiration of each lease year after a discovery has been made on the leased lands, commencing with the lease year, beginning on or after the date of such discovery, except that on unitized leases the minimum royalty shall be payable only on the participating acreage. If the actual royalty paid during any year aggregates less than $1 per acre the lessee must pay the difference at the expiration of the lease year.

§ 3125.3 Royalty on production.

(a) On and after August 8, 1946, the following royalty rates shall be paid on the production removed or sold from leases:

(1) 12½ percent royalty on noncompetitive leases issued under section 17 of the act: *Provided, however,* That any holder of a lease for lands in Alaska which issued and was outstanding prior to May 3, 1958, who shall drill and make the first discovery of oil or gas in commercial quantities in any geologic structure shall pay a royalty on all production under the lease of 5 percent for 10 years following the date of such discovery and thereafter the royalty rate shall be 12½ percent. If such lease is committed to an approved unit or cooperative plan under which such a discovery is made, the 5 percent rate herein provided shall, for the purpose of computing royalty due the United States, inure to the benefit of all the land to which an allocation is made under such plan.

(2) Such rates as are prescribed in the notice of sale in the case of all leases thereafter issued by competitive bidding.

(3) 12½ percent on all leases theretofore issued, except competitive leases, and on exchange and renewal leases thereafter issued, as to production from

(i) Land determined by the Director, Geological Survey, not to be within the productive limits of any oil or gas deposit on August 8, 1946.

(ii) An oil or gas deposit which was discovered after May 27, 1941, by a well or wells drilled within the boundaries of the lease and which is determined by the Director, Geological Survey, to be a new deposit.

(iii) Or allocated to a lease pursuant to an approved unit or cooperative agreement from an oil or gas deposit which was discovered on unitized land after May 27, 1941, and determined by the Director, Geological Survey, to be a new deposit, but only if at the time of discovery the lease or, in the case of an exchange lease, the lease for which it was exchanged was committed to the agreement or was included in a duly executed and filed application for approval of the agreement.

(4) From lands within exchange and renewal leases not subject to subparagraph (3) of this paragraph the rate of royalty shall be identical to that prescribed in the prior lease, except that for a lease issued in exchange for or as a renewal of a lease carrying a flat royalty rate of 5 percent to the United States the royalty shall be as follows:

(i) When the average production of oil for the calendar month in barrels per well per day is:

Not over 110 the royalty shall be 12½%.
Over 110 but not over 130 the royalty shall be 18% of all production.
Over 130 but not over 150 the royalty shall be 19% of all production.
Over 150 but not over 200 the royalty shall be 20% of all production.
Over 200 but not over 250 the royalty shall be 21% of all production.
Over 250 but not over 300 the royalty shall be 22% of all production.

Over 300 but not over 350 the royalty shall be 23% of all production.

Over 350 but not over 400 the royalty shall be 24% of all production.

Over 400 the royalty shall be 25% of all production.

(ii) On gas, including inflammable gas, helium, carbon dioxide, and all other natural gases and mixtures thereof, and on natural or casinghead gasoline and other liquid products obtained from gas; when the average production of gas per well per day for the calendar month does not exceed 5,000,000 cubic feet, 12½ percent; and when the production of gas exceeds 5,000,000 cubic feet, 16⅔ percent of the amount or value of the gas and liquid products produced.

(5) In the case of competitive leases, and other leases theretofore issued, insofar as subparagraphs (3) and (4) of this paragraph are inapplicable, the rates specified in the lease.

(b) The average production per well per day for oil and for gas shall be determined pursuant to 30 CFR Part 221, "Oil and Gas Operating Regulations."

(c) In determining the amount or value of gas and liquid products produced, the amount or value shall be net after an allowance for the cost of manufacture. The allowance for cost of manufacture may exceed two-thirds of the amount or value of any product only on approval by the Secretary of the Interior.

(d) The Secretary of the Interior may establish reasonable values for purposes of computing royalty on any or all oil, gas, natural gasoline, and other liquid products obtained from gas, due consideration being given to the highest price paid for a part or for a majority of production of like quality in the same field, to the price received by the lessee, to posted prices and to other relevant matters. In appropriate cases this will be done after notice to the parties and opportunity to be heard.

§ 3125.4 Limitation of overriding royalties.

An agreement creating overriding royalties or payments out of the production of oil which, when added to overriding royalties or payments out of production of oil previously created and to the royalty payable to the United States, aggregate in excess of 17½ percent shall be deemed a violation of the terms of the lease unless such agreement expressly provides that the obligation to pay such excess overriding royalty or payments out of production of oil shall be suspended when the average production of oil per well per day averaged on the monthly basis is 15 barrels or less. The limitation on overriding royalties or payments out of production is not applicable to the production of gas. The limitation in this section will apply separately to any zone or portion of a lease segregated for computing Government royalty.

Subpart 3126—Bonds

§ 3126.1 Types of bonds.

(a) The successful bidder for a competitive lease prior to the issuance of the lease must furnish a corporate surety bond in the sum of at least double the amount of the $2 per acre annual rental but in no case less than $1,000 nor more than $10,000 conditioned on compliance with all the terms of the lease, and such a bond also must be filed when all or any part of the land in a lease issued noncompetitively is included within the limits of a known geologic structure of a producing oil or gas field.

(b) Until a general lease bond is filed, a noncompetitive lessee will be required prior to entry on the leased lands to furnish and maintain a bond in the penal sum of not less than $1,000 in those cases in which a bond is required by law for the protection of the owners of surface rights.

(c) All leases shall provide that where a $10,000 bond is not already being maintained a general lease bond in the penal sum of $10,000 conditioned upon compliance with all lease terms covering the entire leasehold, shall be furnished by the lessee prior to the beginning of drilling operations. An operator or, if there is more than one operator covering different portions of the lease, each operator may furnish a $10,000 general lease bond in his own name as principal on the bond in lieu of the lessee. Where there are one or more operator's bond affecting a single lease, each such bond must be conditioned upon compliance with all lease terms for the entire leasehold. Where a bond is furnished by an operator, suit may be brought thereon without joining the lessee if he is not a party to the bond. An operator's bond will not be accepted unless the operator holds an operating agreement

which has been approved by the Department or has pending an operating agreement in proper condition for approval. The mere designation as operator will not suffice.

(d) Bonds shall be either corporate surety bonds or personal bonds except that bonds with individual sureties as provided in § 3106.1 may be furnished or the protection of the entryman or owner of surface rights. Personal bonds must be accompanied by a deposit of negotiable Federal securities in a sum equal at their par value to the amount of the bond and by a proper conveyance to the Secretary of full authority to sell such securities in case of default in the performance of the conditions of the lease bond.

(e) In lieu of bonds required under any of the preceding paragraphs the holder of leases or of operating agreements approved by the Department or holder of operating rights by virtue of being designated operator or agent by the lessees pending departmental approval of operating agreements, may furnish a bond the amount of which must be $150,000 for full nationwide coverage under both the Mineral Leasing Act and the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands of 1947 (61 Stat. 913; 30 U.S.C. 351–369), or at the rate of $25,000 for each unit of coverage. A unit of coverage shall be all the lands in any one State held by the principal under either the Mineral Leasing Act or the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands. Coverage under both acts in one State constitutes two units. In lieu of a surety bond, a personal bond in a like amount may be given by the obligor with the deposit as security therefor of negotiable bonds of the United States of a par value equal to the amount specified in the bond. Where upon a default, the surety makes payment to the Government of any indebtedness due under a lease, the face amount of the surety bond and the surety's liability thereunder shall be reduced by the amount of such payment. Thereafter, upon penalty of cancellation of all of the leases covered by such bond that principal shall post a new nationwide bond in the amount of $150,000 or a unit bond, as the case may be, within 6 months after notice, or within such shorter period as the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management may fix. However, in lieu thereof, the principal may within that time file separate bonds for each lease. The provisions hereof may be made applicable to any nationwide or unit bond in force at the time of the approval of the amendment of this paragraph by filing in the appropriate land office a written consent to that effect and an agreement to be bound by the provisions hereof executed by the principal and the surety. Upon receipt thereof the bond will be deemed to be subject to the provisions of this paragraph.

§ 3126.2 Form of bonds.

The bonds furnished will be on forms approved by the Director.

Subpart 3127—Continuation or Extension of Lease

§ 3127.1 Single extension.

(a) Under the conditions set out in the following paragraphs of this section, the record title holder of any noncompetitive lease maintained in accordance with the statutory requirements and the regulations in this part which issued prior to September 2, 1960, shall be entitled, to a single extension of the lease at the expiration of the initial five-year term unless then otherwise provided by law. An application for such extension may be filed by the record title holder of the lease, by an assignee whose assignment has been filed for approval, or by an operator whose operating agreement has been filed for approval.

(b) The application for extension must be filed, within ninety days before the expiration date of the lease, on a form approved by the Director. Application for Extension of Oil and Gas Lease",[5] or unofficial copies of that form in current use and must be accompanied by a filing fee of $10 which will be retained as a service charge even though the application is later withdrawn or rejected and, unless previously paid, the sixth year's rental: *Provided,* That the unofficial copies are exact reproductions on one sheet of both sides of the official approved one-page form, and are without additions, omissions, or other changes or advertising. The official form or a valid reproduction of the official form, will also constitute approval of the extension when signed by an authorized officer.

(c) If during the 90 day period prior to the expiration date of the lease, the

record title holder, assignee or operator files an application or request for an extension not on the prescribed form or unofficial copies thereof, or fails to file the prescribed number of copies, or pay the sixth year's rental, a notice will be issued allowing him 30 days to do so. The application will be rejected if such filing or payment is not made within the time allowed.

(d) Where, upon the expiration of the initial 5-year lease term, the leased lands or any part thereof, have been withdrawn from leasing, the lease will not be extended as to such lands, except that, a withdrawal shall not affect the right to an extension if drilling operations were actually commenced on the withdrawn lands prior to the effective date of the withdrawal and such operations were being diligently prosecuted on the expiration date of the lease, or if notice of the withdrawal has not been sent by registered mail to each lessee to be affected thereby, at least 90 days prior to the termination date of the lease.

(e) Upon compliance with, and in accordance with, the provisions of this section, the lease will be extended, subject to the rules and regulations in force at the expiration of the initial term, (1) as to the lands not within the known geologic structure of a producing oil or gas field, for a period of 5 years, and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities, and (2) as to lands within the known geologic structure of a producing oil or gas field, for a period of 2 years and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities.

(f) The timely filing of an application for extension shall have the effect of segregating the leased lands until the final action taken on the application is noted on the tract book, or, for acquired lands, on the official records relating thereto, of the appropriate land office. Prior to such notation, the lands are not available to the filing of offers to lease. Offers to lease filed prior to such notation will confer no rights in the offeror and will be rejected.

(g) Upon failure of the lessee or the other persons enumerated in paragraph (a) of this section to file an application for extension within the specified period, the lease will expire at the expiration of its primary term without notice to the lessee. Notation of such expiration need not be made on the official records, but the lands covered by such expired lease will be subject to the filing of new lease offers only as provided in § 3123.9.

§ 3127.2 Continuation of lease as a result of actual drilling operations.

(a) Any lease on which actual drilling operations, or for which under an approved cooperative or unit plan of development or operation, actual drilling operations were commenced prior to the end of its primary term and are being diligently prosecuted at that time, shall be extended for 2 years and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities.

(b) Actual drilling operations must be conducted in such a way as to be an effort which one seriously looking for oil or gas could be expected to make in that particular area, given existing knowledge of geologic and other pertinent facts.

(c) As used in this section (1) "actual drilling operations" shall include not only the physical drilling of a well but the testing, completing or equipping of such well for the production of oil or gas; (2) "primary term" means all periods in the life of the lease prior to its extension by reason of production of oil or gas in paying quantities.

§ 3127.3 Continuation of lease on termination of production.

(a) A lease which is in its extended term because of production shall not terminate upon cessation of production if, within 60 days thereafter, reworking or drilling operations on the leasehold are commenced and are thereafter conducted with reasonable diligence during the period of nonproduction.

(b) No lease for lands on which there is a well capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities shall expire because the lessee fails to produce the same, unless the lessee fails to place the well on a producing status within 60 days after receipt of notice by registered mail from the Regional Oil and Gas Supervisor to do so: *Provided,* That after such status is established production shall continue on the leased premises unless and until suspension of production is allowed by the Secretary of the Interior under the provisions of the act.

§ 3127.4 Extension for terms of cooperative or unit plan.

(a) Any lease issued for a term of 20 years, or any renewal thereof, committed to a cooperative or unit plan approved by the Secretary of the Interior, or any portion of such lease so committed, shall continue in force so long as committed to the plan, beyond the expiration date of its primary term. This provision does not apply to that portion of any such lease which is not included in the cooperative or unit plan unless the lease was so committed prior to August 8, 1946.

(b) Any other lease issued under any section of the act, committed to any such plan that contains a general provision for the allocation of oil or gas, shall continue in effect as to the land committed so long as the lease remains subject to the plan: *Provided*, That production of oil or gas is had in paying quantities under the plan prior to the expiration date of such lease, whether it be in its primary term or its extended term.

(c) Any lease committed after July 29, 1954 to such a plan, which covers lands within and lands outside the area covered by the plan, shall be segregated, as of the effective date of unitization, into separate leases; one covering the lands committeed to the plan and the other the lands not so committed. The segregated lease covering the nonunitized portion of the lands, shall continue in force and effect for the term thereof but for not less than two years from the date of segregation, and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities.

§ 3127.5 Extension of lease eliminated from cooperative or unit plan or communitization or drilling agreement and of lease in effect at termination of such plan or agreement.

Any lease eliminated from any approved or prescribed cooperative or unit plan or from any communitization or drilling agreement authorized by the act, and any lease in effect at the termination of such plan or agreement, unless relinquished, shall continue in effect for the original term of the lease, or for two years after its elimination from the plan or agreement or the termination thereof, whichever is the longer, and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities.

Subpart 3128—Assignments or Transfers

§ 3128.1 Assignments or transfers of leases or interests therein.

Leases may be assigned or subleased as to all or part of the leased acreage and as to either a divided or undivided interest therein to any person or persons qualified to hold a lease. The assignment or sublease must be accompanied by a signed statement by the assignee or sublessee that he is the sole party in interest in the assignment or sublease; if not, he shall set forth the names of the other interested parties. If there are other parties interested in the assignment or sublease, a separate statement must be signed by them and by the assignee or sublessee setting forth the nature and extent of the interest of each, the nature of the agreement between them, if oral, and a copy of the agreement if written. Such separate statement and written agreement, if any, must be filed not later than 15 days after the filing of the assignment or sublease. Subject to final approval by the Bureau of Land Management, assignments or subleases shall take effect as of the first day of the lease month following the date of filing in the proper land office of all the papers required by §§ 3128.2 and 3128.3. No assignment will be approved if the assignee or sublessee or any other parties in interest are not qualified to take and hold a lease or if their bond is insufficient or if they fail to file the statement required by this section. A minor, except a minor heir or devisee of a lessee, is not qualified to hold a lease and an assignment to a minor will not be approved. An assignment of a separate zone or deposit or of a part of a legal subdivision will not be approved unless the necessity therefor is established by clear and convincing evidence.

§ 3128.2 Requirements for filing of transfers.

(a) (1) Except for assignments of royalty interests all instruments of transfer of a lease or of an interest therein, including assignments of working interests, operating agreements, and subleases, must be filed for approval within 90 days from the date of final execution and, except for record title assignments, must contain all of the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties thereto, together with similar evidence and statements as that required of an offeror under § 3123.2.

(2) To obtain approval of a transfer affecting the record title of an oil and gas lease, a request for such approval must be made, within 90 days from the date of the execution of the assignment by the parties on a form approved by the Director, or unofficial copies of that form in current use may be used for such transfers and requests for approval: *Provided*, That the unofficial copies are exact reproductions on one sheet of both

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PART 23—SURFACE EXPLORATION, MINING AND RECLAMATION OF LANDS

A new Part 23 is hereby added to Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations, to become effective upon publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

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§ 23.1 Purpose.

It is the policy of this Department to encourage the development of the mineral resources under its jurisdiction where mining is authorized. However, the public interest requires that, with respect to the exploration for, and the surface mining of, such minerals, adequate measures be taken to avoid, minimize, or correct damage to the environment—land, water, and air—and to avoid, minimize, or correct hazards to the public health and safety. The regulations in this part prescribe procedures to that end.

§ 23.2 Scope.

(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, the regulations in this part provide for the protection and conservation of nonmineral resources during operations for the discovery, development, surface mining, and onsite processing of minerals under permits, leases, or contracts issued pursuant to: The Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181–287); the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands (30 U.S.C. 351–359); the Materials Act of July 31, 1947, as amended (30 U.S.C. 601–604); and title 23, United States Code, section 317, relating to appropriation for highway purposes of lands owned by the United States.

(b) The regulations in this part do not cover the exploration for oil and gas or the issuance of leases, or operations thereunder, for oil and gas under the mineral leasing acts, which are covered by regulations in Subpart 3107 and Part 3120 of this title and 30 CFR Part 221; neither do they cover minerals underlying Indian tribal or allotted lands, which are subject to regulations in Title 25 CFR, nor minerals subject to the general mining laws (30 U.S.C. 21–54); nor minerals under the Materials Act which are under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture (74 Stat. 205); nor minerals underlying lands, the surface of which is not owned by the U.S. Government.

(c) When more than one permit or contract is expected to be issued to dispose of materials in a particular deposit or tract of land, such as community pits or common use areas, no requirement for reclamation will be made in such permits or contracts and the burden of reclamation will be assumed by the Government. Where reclamation is not required because more than one permit or contract is expected to be issued, there shall be added to the sales price under each permit or contract a reasonable charge to defer the cost of reclamation. In computing such added charge, the authorized officer shall establish the estimated cost of reclamation upon completion of extractive operations for the deposit and the estimated total volume of material to be extracted. The added charge shall be a proportionate share of the estimated cost of reclamation in the same ratio as the material sold under the permit or contract bears to the total estimated volume of the deposit which is expected to be extracted.

(d) The regulations in this part shall apply only to permits, leases, or contracts issued subsequent to the date on which the regulations become effective.

§ 23.3 Definitions.

As used in the regulations in this part:

(a) "Mineral leasing acts" means the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, as amended and supplemented (30 U.S.C. 181–287) and the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands (30 U.S.C. 351–359);

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(b) "Materials Act" means the Act of July 31, 1947, as amended (30 U.S.C. 601–604);

(c) "Mining supervisor" means the Regional Mining Supervisor, or his authorized representative, of the Geological Survey authorized as provided in 30 CFR 211.3 and 231.2 to supervise operations on the land covered by a permit or lease;

(d) "District manager" means the manager of the district office or other authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management having administrative jurisdiction of and responsibility for the land covered by a permit, lease, contract, application, or offer;

(e) "Overburden" means all the earth and other materials which lie above a natural deposit of minerals and such earth and other materials after removal from their natural state in the process of mining;

(f) "Area of land to be affected" or "area of land affected" means the area of land from which overburden is to be or has been removed and upon which the overburden or waste is to be or has been deposited, and includes all lands affected by the construction of new roads or the improvement or use of existing roads to gain access to an operation and for haulage;

(g) "Operation" means all of the premises, facilities, roads, and equipment used in the process of determining the location, composition or quality of a mineral deposit, or in developing, extracting, or onsite processing of a mineral deposit in a designated area;

(h) "Method of operation" means the method or manner by which a cut or open pit is made, the overburden is placed or handled, water is controlled or affected and other acts performed by the operator in the process of exploring or uncovering and removing or onsite processing of a mineral deposit;

(i) "Holder" or "operator" means the permittee, leasee, or contractor designated in a permit, lease, or contract;

(j) "Reclamation" means measures undertaken to bring about the necessary reconditioning or restoration of land or water that has been affected by exploration or mineral development, mining or onsite processing operations, and waste disposal, in ways which will prevent or control onsite and offsite damage to the environment.

§ 23.4 Application for permission to conduct exploration operations.

No person shall, in any manner or by any means which will cause the surface of lands to be disturbed, explore, test, or prospect for minerals (other than oil and gas) subject to disposition under the mineral leasing acts or the Materials Act without first filing an application for, and obtaining, a permit, lease or contract which authorizes such exploring, testing, or prospecting.

§ 23.5 Technical examination of prospective surface exploration and mining operations.

(a) (1) In connection with an application for a permit or lease under the mineral leasing acts or an application for a permit or an offer to make a contract under the Materials Act, the district manager shall make, or cause to be made, a technical examination of the prospective effects of the proposed exploration or surface mining operations upon the environment. The technical examination shall take into consideration the need for the preservation and protection of other resources, including recreational, scenic, historic, and ecological values; the control of erosion, flooding, and pollution of water; the isolation of toxic materials; the prevention of air pollution; the reclamation by revegetation, replacement of soil, or by other means, of lands affected by the exploration or mining operations; the prevention of slides; the protection of fish and wildlife and their habitat; and the prevention of hazards to public health and safety.

(2) A technical examination of an area should be made with the recognition that actual potential mining sites and mining operations vary widely with respect to topography, climate, surrounding land uses, proximity to densely used areas, and other environmental influences and that mining and reclamation requirements should provide sufficient flexibility to permit adjustment to local conditions.

(b) Based upon the technical examination, the district manager shall formulate the general requirements which the applicant must meet for the protection of nonmineral resources during the conduct of exploration or mining operations and for the reclamation of lands or waters affected by exploration or mining operations. The general requirements shall be made known in writing to the applicant before the issuance of a permit or lease or the making of a contract, and upon acceptance thereof by the applicant, shall be incorporated in the permit, lease, or contract. If an application or offer is made under the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands and if the lands are under the jurisdiction of an agency other than the Department of the Interior, the requirements must incorporate provisions prescribed by that agency. If the application or offer is made under the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, or the Materials Act, and if the lands are under the jurisdiction of an agency other than the Department of the Interior, the district manager shall consult representatives of the agency administering the land and obtain their recommendations for provisions to be incorporated in the general requirements. If the district manager does not concur in the recommendations, the issues shall be referred for resolution to the Under Secretary of the Department of the Interior and the comparable officer of the agency submitting the recommendations. In the case of disagreement on the issues which are so referred, the Secretary of the Interior shall make a determination on the recommendations which shall be final and binding.

(c) In each instance in which an application or offer is made under the mineral leasing acts, the mining supervisor shall participate in the technical examination and in the formulation of the general requirements. If the lands covered by an application or offer are under the jurisdiction of a bureau of the Department of the Interior other than the Bureau of Land Management, the district

manager shall consult representatives of the bureau administering the land. If the lands covered by the application or offer are under the jurisdiction of an agency other than the Department of the Interior and that agency makes a technical examination of the type provided for in paragraph (a) of this section, district managers and mining supervisors are authorized to participate in that examination.

(d) Whenever it is determined that any part of the area described in an application or offer for a permit, lease, or contract is such that previous experience under similar conditions has shown that operations cannot feasibly be conducted by any known methods or measures to avoid—

(1) Rock or landslides which would be a hazard to human lives or endanger or destroy private or public property; or

(2) Substantial deposition of sediment and silt into streams, lakes, reservoirs; or

(3) A lowering of water quality below standards established by the appropriate State water pollution control agency, or by the Secretary of the Interior; or

(4) A lowering of the quality of waters whose quality exceeds that required by the established standards—unless and until it has been affirmatively demonstrated to the State water pollution control agency and to the Department of the Interior that such lowering of quality is necessary to economic and social development and will not preclude any assigned uses made of such waters; or

(5) The destruction of key wildlife habitat or important scenic, historical, or other natural or cultural features; the district manager may prohibit or otherwise restrict operations on such part of an area.

(e) If, on the basis of a technical examination, the district manager determines that there is a likelihood that there will be a lowering of water quality as described in paragraphs (d) (3) and (4) of this section caused by the operation, no lease or permit shall be issued or contract made until after consultation with the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration and a finding by the Administration that the proposed operation would not be in violation of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. sec. 466 et seq.) or of Executive Order No. 11288 (31 F.R. 9261). Where a permit or lease is involved the district manager's determination shall be made in consultation with the mining supervisor.

(f) Each notice of a proposed appropriation of a materials site filed by the Department of Transportation under 23 U.S.C. 317 shall be transmitted to the proper district manager. The district manager shall cause a technical examination to be made as provided in paragraph (a) of this section and shall formulate the requirements which the State highway department or its nominee must meet. If the land covered by the proposed appropriation is under the jurisdiction of a bureau of the Department other than the Bureau of Land Management, the district manager shall consult representatives of the bureau administering the land. If the district manager determines, or, in an instance in which the land is administered by another bureau, a representative of that bureau determines that the proposed appropriation is contrary to the public interest or is inconsistent with the purposes for which such land or materials are reserved, the district manager shall promptly submit the matter to the Secretary of the Interior for his decision. In other instances, the district manager shall notify the Department of Transportation of the requirements and conditions which the State highway department or its nominee must meet.

§ 23.6 Basis for denial of a permit, lease, or contract.

An application or offer for a permit, lease, or contract to conduct exploratory or extractive operations may be denied any applicant or offeror who has forfeited a required bond because of failure to comply with an exploration or mining plan. However, a permit, lease, or contract may not be denied an applicant or offeror because of the forfeiture of a bond if the lands disturbed under his previous permit, lease, or contract have subsequently been reclaimed without cost to the Federal Government.

§ 23.7 Approval of exploration plan.

(a) Before commencing any surface disturbing operations to explore, test, or prospect for minerals covered by the mineral leasing acts the operator shall file with the mining supervisor a plan for the proposed exploration operations. The mining supervisor shall consult with the district manager with respect to the surface protection and reclamation aspects before approving said plan.

(b) Before commencing any surface disturbing operations to explore, test, or prospect for materials covered by the Materials Act the operator shall file with the district manager a plan for the proposed exploration operations.

(c) Depending upon the size and nature of the operation and the requirements established pursuant to § 23.5 the mining supervisor or the district manager may require that the exploration plan submitted by the operator include any or all of the following:

(1) A description of the area within which exploration is to be conducted;

(2) Two copies of a suitable map or aerial photograph showing topographic, cultural and drainage features;

(3) A statement of proposed exploration methods, i.e. drilling, trenching, etc., and the location of primary support roads and facilities;

(4) A description of measures to be taken to prevent or control fire, soil erosion, pollution of surface and ground water, damage to fish and wildlife or other natural resources, and hazards to public health and safety both during and upon abandonment of exploration activities.

(d) The mining supervisor or the district manager shall promptly review the exploration plan submitted to him by the operator and shall indicate to the operator any changes, additions, or amendments necessary to meet the requirements formulated pursuant to

§ 23.5, the provisions of the regulations in this part, and the terms of the permit.

(e) The operator shall comply with the provisions of an approved exploration plan. The mining supervisor and the district manager may, with respect to such a plan, exercise the authority provided by paragraphs (f) and (g) of § 23.8 respecting a mining plan.

§ 23.8 Approval of mining plan.

(a) (1) Before surface mining operations may commence under any permit or lease issued under the mineral leasing acts the operator must file a mining plan with the mining supervisor and obtain his approval of the plan. Paragraphs (b) through (g) of this section confer authority upon mining supervisors with respect to mining plans pertaining to permits or leases issued under the mineral leasing acts. The mining supervisor shall consult with the district manager with respect to the surface protection and reclamation aspects before approving said plan.

(2) Before surface mining operations may commence under any permit issued or contract made under the Materials Act, the operator must file a mining plan with the district manager and obtain his approval of the plan. Paragraphs (b) through (g) of this section confer authority upon district managers with respect to mining plans pertaining to permits issued or contracts made under the Materials Act.

(b) Depending on the size and nature of the operation and the requirements established pursuant to § 23.5, the mining supervisor or the district manager may require that the mining plan submitted by the operator include any or all of the following:

(1) A description of the location and area to be affected by the operations;

(2) Two copies of a suitable map, or aerial photograph showing the topography, the area covered by the permit, lease, or contract, the name and location of major topographic and cultural features, and the drainage plan away from the area to be affected;

(3) A statement of proposed methods of operating, including a description of proposed roads or vehicular trails; the size and location of structures and facilities to be built;

(4) An estimate of the quantity of water to be used and pollutants that are expected to enter any receiving waters;

(5) A design for the necessary impoundment, treatment or control of all runoff water and drainage from workings so as to reduce soil erosion and sedimentation and to prevent the pollution of receiving waters;

(6) A description of measures to be taken to prevent or control fire, soil erosion, pollution of surface and ground water, damage to fish and wildlife, and hazards to public health and safety; and

(7) A statement of the proposed manner and time of performance of work to reclaim areas disturbed by the holder's operation.

(c) In those instances in which the permit, lease, or contract requires the revegetation of an area of land to be affected the mining plan shall show:

(1) Proposed methods of preparation and fertilizing the soil prior to replanting;

(2) Types and mixtures of shrubs, trees, or tree seedlings, grasses or legumes to be planted; and

(3) Types and methods of planting, including the amount of grasses or legumes per acre, or the number and spacing of trees, or tree seedlings, or combinations of grasses and trees.

(d) In those instances in which the permit, lease, or contract requires regrading and backfilling, the mining plan shall show the proposed methods and the timing of grading and backfilling of areas to be affected by the operation.

(e) The mining supervisor or the district manager shall review the mining plan submitted to him by the operator and shall promptly indicate to the operator any changes, additions, or amendments necessary to meet the requirements formulated pursuant to § 23.5, the provisions of the regulations in this part and the terms of the permit, lease, or contract. The operator shall comply with the provisions of an approved mining plan.

(f) A mining plan may be changed by mutual consent of the mining supervisor or the district manager and the operator at any time to adjust to changed conditions or to correct any oversight. To obtain approval of a change or supplemental plan the operator shall submit a written statement of the proposed changes or supplement and the justification for the changes proposed. The mining supervisor or the district manager shall promptly notify the operator that he consents to the proposed changes or supplement or, in the event he does not consent, he shall specify the modifications thereto under which the proposed changes or supplement would be acceptable. After mutual acceptance of a change of a plan the operator shall not depart therefrom without further approval.

(g) If circumstances warrant, or if development of a mining plan for the entire operation is dependent upon unknown factors which cannot or will not be determined except during the progress of the operations, a partial plan may be approved and supplemented from time to time. The operator shall not, however, perform any operation except under an approved plan.

§ 23.9 Performance bond.

(a) (1) Upon approval of an exploration plan or mining plan, the operator shall be required to file a suitable performance bond of not less than $2,000 with satisfactory surety, payable to the Secretary of the Interior, and the bond shall be conditioned upon the faithful compliance with applicable regulations, the terms and conditions of the permit, lease, or contract, and the exploration or mining plan as approved, amended

or supplemented. The bond shall be in an amount sufficient to satisfy the reclamation requirements of an approved exploration or mining plan, or an approved partial or supplemental plan. In determining the amount of the bond consideration shall be given to the character and nature of the reclamation requirements and the estimated costs of reclamation in the event that the operator forfeits his performance bond.

(2) In lieu of a performance bond an operator may elect to deposit cash or negotiable bonds of the U.S. Government. The cash deposit or the market value of such securities shall be equal at least to the required sum of the bond.

(b) A bond may be a nationwide or statewide bond which the operator has filed with the Department under the provisions of the applicable leasing regulations in Subchapter C of Chapter II of this title, if the terms and conditions thereof are sufficient to comply with the regulations in this part.

(c) The district manager shall set the amount of a bond and take the necessary action for an increase or for a complete or partial release of a bond. He shall take action with respect to bonds for leases or permits only after consultation with the mining supervisor.

§ 23.10 Reports: Inspection.

(a) (1) The holder of a permit or lease under the mineral leasing acts shall file the reports required by this section with the mining supervisor. The holder of a permit or a party to a contract under the Materials Act shall file such reports with the district manager.

(2) The provisions of this section confer authority and impose duties upon mining supervisors with respect to permits or leases issued under the mineral leasing acts and upon district managers with respect to permits issued or contracts made under the Materials Act.

(b) Operations report: Within 30 days after the end of each calendar year, or if operations cease before the end of a calendar year, within 30 days after the cessation of operations, the operator shall submit an operations report containing the following information:

(1) An identification of the permit, lease, or contract and the location of the operation;

(2) A description of the operations performed during the period of time for which the report is filed;

(3) An identification of the area of land affected by the operations and a description of the manner in which the land has been affected;

(4) A statement as to the number of acres disturbed by the operations and the number of acres which were reclaimed during the period of time;

(5) A description of the method utilized for reclamation and the results thereof;

(6) A statement and description of reclamation work remaining to be done.

(c) Grading and backfilling report: Upon completion of such grading and backfilling as may be required by an approved exploration or mining plan, the operator shall make a report thereon and request inspection for approval. Whenever it is determined by such inspection that backfilling and grading has been carried out in accordance with the established requirements and approved exploration or mining plan, the district manager shall issue a release of an appropriate amount of the performance bond for the area graded and backfilled. Appropriate amounts of the bond shall be retained to assure that satisfactory planting, if required, is carried out.

(d) Planting report: (1) Whenever planting is required by an approved exploration or mining plan, the operator shall file a report with the mining supervisor or district manager whenever such planting is completed. The report shall—

(i) Identify the permit, lease, or contract;

(ii) Show the type of planting or seeding, including mixtures and amounts;

(iii) Show the date of planting or seeding;

(iv) Identify or describe the areas of the lands which have been planted;

(v) Contain such other information as may be relevant.

(2) The mining supervisor or district manager, as soon as possible after the completion of the first full growing season, shall make an inspection and evaluation of the vegetative cover and planting to determine if a satisfactory growth has been established.

(3) If it is determined that a satisfactory vegetative cover has been established and is likely to continue to grow, any remaining portion of the performance bond may be released if all requirements have been met by the operator.

(e) Report of cessation or abandonment of operations: (1) Not less than 30 days prior to cessation or abandonment of operations, the operator shall report his intention to cease or abandon operations, together with a statement of the exact number of acres of land affected by his operations, the extent of reclamation accomplished and other relevant information.

(2) (i) Upon receipt of such report the mining supervisor or the district manager shall make an inspection to determine whether operations have been carried out and completed in accordance with the approved exploration or mining plan.

(ii) Whenever the lands in a permit, lease or contract issued under the mineral leasing acts or the Materials Act are under the jurisdiction of a bureau of the Department of the Interior other than the Bureau of Land Management the mining supervisor or the district manager, as appropriate, shall obtain the concurrence of the authorized officer of such bureau that the operation has been carried out and completed in accordance with the approved exploration or mining plan with respect to the surface protection and reclamation aspects of such plan before releasing the performance bond.

(iii) Whenever the lands in a permit, lease or contract issued under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 or the Materials Act are under the jurisdiction of an agency other than the Department of the Interior, the mining supervisor or the district manager, as appropriate, shall consult representatives of the agency administering the lands and obtain their recommendations as to whether the operation has been carried out and completed in accordance with the approved exploration or mining plan, with respect

to the surface protection and reclamation aspects of such plan before releasing the performance bond. If the mining supervisor or district manager, as appropriate, do not concur in the recommendations of the agency regarding compliance with the surface protection and reclamation aspects of the approved exploration or mining plan, the issues shall be referred for resolution to the Under Secretary of the Department of the Interior and the comparable officer of the agency submitting the recommendations. In the case of disagreement on issues which are so referred, the Secretary of the Interior shall make a determination which shall be final and binding. In cases in which the recommendations are not concurred in by the mining supervisor or district manager, the performance bond shall not be released until resolution of the issues or until a final determination by the Secretary of the Interior.

(iv) Whenever the lands in a permit or lease issued under the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands are under the jurisdiction of an agency other than the Department of the Interior, the mining supervisor or the district manager, as appropriate, shall obtain the concurrence of the authorized officer of such agency that the operation has been carried out and completed in accordance with the approved exploration or mining plan with respect to the surface protection and reclamation aspects of such plan before releasing the performance bond.

§ 23.11 Notice of noncompliance: Revocation.

(a) The provisions of this section confer authority and impose duties upon mining supervisors with respect to permits or leases issued under the mineral leasing acts and upon district managers with respect to permits issued or contracts made under the Materials Act. The mining supervisor shall consult with the district manager before taking any action under this section.

(b) The mining supervisor or district manager shall have the right to enter upon the lands under a permit, lease, or contract, at any reasonable time, for the purpose of inspection or investigation to determine whether the terms and conditions of the permit, lease, or contract, and the requirements of the exploration or mining plan have been complied with.

(c) If the mining supervisor or the district manager determines that an operator has failed to comply with the terms and conditions of a permit, lease, or contract, or with the requirements of an exploration or mining plan, or with the provisions of applicable regulations under this part the supervisor or manager shall serve a notice of noncompliance upon the operator by delivery in person to him or his agent or by certified or registered mail addressed to the operator at his last known address.

(d) A notice of noncompliance shall specify in what respects the operator has failed to comply with the terms and conditions of a permit, lease, or contract, or the requirements of an exploration or mining plan, or the provisions of applicable regulations, and shall specify the action which must be taken to correct the noncompliance and the time limits within which such action must be taken.

(e) Failure of the operator to take action in accordance with the notice of noncompliance shall be grounds for suspension by the mining supervisor or the district manager of operations or for the initiation of action for the cancellation of the permit, lease, or contract and for forfeiture of the performance bond required under § 23.9.

§ 23.12 Appeals.

(a) A person adversely affected by a decision or order of a district manager or of a mining supervisor made pursuant to the provisions of this part shall have a right of appeal to the Director of the Bureau of Land Management whenever the decision appealed from was rendered by a district manager, or to the Director of the Geological Survey if the decision or order appealed from was rendered by a mining supervisor, and the further right to appeal to the Secretary of the Interior from an adverse decision of either Director unless such decison was approved by the Secretary prior to promulgation.

(b) Appeals to Director, Bureau of Land Management, or to Director, Geological Survey, and appeals to the Secretary shall be made pursuant to procedures and requirements of Parts 1840 and 1850 of this title, except that for the purposes of an appeal taken from a decision or order of a mining supervisor made pursuant to this part:

(1) The term "Director" wherever it occurs in Part 1850 or 1850 of this title shall mean the Director of the Geological Survey.

(2) The term "Field Commissioner" shall include a person designated by the Director of the Geological Survey to hold a hearing.

(3) Whenever the provisions of Parts 1840 and 1850 of this title require that a document be filed in the Office of the Director, such documents shall be filed in the Office of the Director, Geological Survey (Address: Director, Geological Survey, Washington, D.C. 20240).

(c) In any case involving a permit, lease or contract for lands under the jurisdiction of an agency other than the Department of the Interior, or a bureau of the Department of the Interior other than the Bureau of Land Management, the officer rendering a decision or order shall, in the event of an appeal from such decision or order, designate the authorized officer of such agency as an adverse party on whom a copy of a notice of appeal and any statement of reasons, written arguments or briefs must be served.

(d) Hearings to present evidence on an issue of fact before a Field Commissioner designated by the appropriate Director shall be conducted pursuant to the requirements and procedures set forth in Part 1850 of this title.

§ 23.13 Consultation.

Whenever the lands included in a permit, lease, or contract are under the jurisdiction of an agency other than the Department of the Interior or under the jurisdiction of a bureau of the Department of the Interior other than the Bureau of Land Management, the mining supervisor or the district manager, as appropriate, shall consult the authorized officer of such agency before taking any final action under §§ 23.7, 23.8, 23.10 (c) and (d) (2) and (3), and 23.11(c).

DAVID S. BLACK,
Under Secretary of the Interior.

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Chapter II—Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior

SUBCHAPTER A—GENERAL MANAGEMENT (1000)

Circular 2260

PART 1720—PROGRAMS AND OBJECTIVES

Subpart 1725—Program Policy

FLOOD HAZARDS

1. In § 1725.2, paragarph (a) is amended, existing paragraphs (b), (c), (d), and (e) are renumbered (c), (d), (e), and (f) and a new paragraph (b) is added, as follows:

§ 1725.2 Disposal policy.

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(a) Encouragement and assistance will be extended to State, county, and local governments in master planning and zoning. They will be encouraged to utilize the best modern techniques for quality land utilization, including preservation of natural beauty and open space values, and the prevention of uneconomic use and development of flood plains.

(b) Inclusion in patents of suitable conditions or restrictions on the use of the land, in those situations where a tract of land is suitable for disposal but has been evaluated as having a flood hazard potential which may cause economic loss to improvements or may endanger human life. If inclusion of needed conditions or restrictions in the deed are not permitted by law, the tract may be withheld from disposal to avoid such losses.

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2. In § 1725.3–3, paragraph (j) is amended to read as follows:

§ 1725.3–3 Components of multiple use management.

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(j) *Preservation of public values.* Management of public land for preservation of public values that would be lost if the land passed from Federal ownership involves the protection, regulated use, and development of any public lands having unique or scarce characteristics or site values in a manner to insure their continued availability to the general public, either national or local, temporarily or permanently. It also involves the prevention of avoidable losses and damage, including avoidance of use and development which may require future expenditures for flood protection and flood damage relief.

WALTER J. HICKEL,
Secretary of the Interior.

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SUBCHAPTER B—LAND TENURE MANAGEMENT (2000)

[Circular 2261]

PART 2240—SALES AND EXCHANGES

Subpart 2243—Public Sales

SALE OF UNINTENTIONAL TRESPASS LANDS

1. A new paragraph is added to § 2243.0–1 to read as follows:

§ 2243.0–1 Purpose.

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(c) The regulations in § 2243.3 implement the Act of September 26, 1968 (82 Stat. 870). This act authorizes the sale of certain land that was affected by unintentional trespass on or before September 26, 1968.

2. A new section is added to subpart 2243 to read as follows:

§ 2243.3 Procedures under the Act of September 26, 1968.

§ 2243.3–1 General.

(a) *Authority.* The Act of September 26, 1968 (82 Stat. 870) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to sell at public auction any tract of public lands not exceeding 120 acres that was affected by unintentional trespass by the owner or user of contiguous lands on or prior to September 26, 1968, and which contains some land that has been or can be put to cultivation but which is insufficient because of climatic, topographic, ecologic, soil, or other factors to justify a classification as proper for disposal under the homestead or desert land laws. The act permits sales only if the Secretary of the Interior finds the land is not needed for a public purpose. The act limits the amount of land any person may acquire under its terms to 120 acres. The authority to make such sales expires on September 26, 1971, except that sales for which application has been made prior to September 26, 1971, may be completed after that date.

(b) *Objectives.* The program of the Secretary of the Interior in the administration of the act is to take into consideration the criteria set out in Part 2410 and to sell at public auction for not less than their appraised fair market value on an orderly basis public lands subject to the act which are not needed for a public purpose. To conform with the specific purposes of the act, lands will be sold in the smallest aliquot parts practicable in each situation.

§ 2243.3–2 Lands subject to sale.

(a) The act authorizes the Secretary of the Interior on his own motion or upon application of any person who owns contiguous lands to order into market and sell at public auction for not less than the appraised fair market value any tract of public lands not exceeding 120 acres which on or before September 26, 1968, was affected by unintentional trespass by the owner or user of contiguous lands and which he finds is not needed for public purposes and contains some land that has been or can be put to cultivation.

(b) The Secretary of the Interior has full discretion to determine whether land should be ordered into market under the regulations of this part. Factors that will be taken into consideration in making these determinations are described in Subpart 2410 of this chapter. Lands which are valuable for minerals will not be sold unless the minerals can be reserved to the United States under existing law. (See 30 U.S.C. section 21.)

(c) Only tracts of public land that are classified by the authorized officer under the criteria and procedures in Part 2410 of this chapter can be sold pursuant to the regulations in this section.

§ 2243.3–3 Procedures.

The provisions of § 2243.1 apply to sales under this section except that the owner of contiguous lands who wishes to assert his preference right must offer to purchase the lands at the highest bid received. A credit, determined by the authorized officer, will be given to a preference right purchaser for any value added to the land by him or his predecessors in interest during any period of unintentional trespass.

§ 2243.3–4 Trespass charges.

Purchase of lands in accordance with the act and these regulations shall not relieve any person from liabiiity for unauthorized use of the lands while title was in the United States.

RUSSELL E. TRAIN,
Acting Secretary of the Interior.

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SUBCHAPTER C—MINERALS MANAGEMENT (3000)

[Circular 2262]

PART 3380—OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF MINERAL DEPOSITS

Miscellaneous Amendments

Part 3380 of Chapter II of Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

1. Section 3380.0–3 is revised to read as follows:

§ 3380.0–3 Purpose and authority.

The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of August 7, 1953 (67 Stat. 462; 43 U.S.C. § 1331 et seq.), referred to in this part as "the act", among other things, authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to issue on a competitive basis leases for oil and gas, sulphur, and other minerals in submerged lands of the Outer Continental Shelf, as defined in section 2 of the act. Subject to the supervisory authority of the Secretary, the regulations in this part shall be administered by the Director, Bureau of Land Management, hereinafter referred to in this part as the Director.

2. The last sentence of § 3380.0–3 is redesignated as a new § 3380.0–4 to read as follows:

§ 3380.0–4 Applicability of public land laws.

The laws and regulations pertaining to the public lands of the United States are not applicable to the submerged lands of the Outer Continental Shelf. Mineral deposits in the submerged lands of the Outer Continental Shelf are subject to disposition only in accordance with the provisions of the act and the regulations promulgated by the Secretary thereunder.

3. Sections 3381.1, 3381.2, 3381.3, and 3381.4 are redesignated §§ 250.50, 250.51, 250.52, and 250.53, respectively, of Chapter II of Title 30 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

4. Section 3381.5 is redesignated § 3385a.2 and is included in a new Subpart 3385a, as hereinafter provided.

5. Sections 3380.2 (a) and (b) are redesignated § 3381.1 (a) and (b), respectively, and § 3380.2(c) is deleted and its content is included in the revision of Subpart 3382, as hereinafter provided.

6. Subpart 3381—Cooperative Conservation Provisions is deleted and a new Subpart 3381 is added as follows:

Subpart 3381—Leasing Areas

§ 3381.1 Leasing maps.

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§ 3381.2 Resources evaluation.

From time to time the Director may announce tentative schedules of lease sales of Outer Continental Shelf areas. At such time as an area is initially considered for mineral leasing, or as the need arises, the Director shall request the Director, Geological Survey, to prepare a summary report describing the general geology and potential mineral resources of the area and shall request other interested Federal agencies to prepare reports describing to the extent known any other valuable resources contained within the general area and the potential effect of mineral operations upon the resources or upon the total environment.

§ 3381.3 Nominations of tracts.

In selecting tracts for oil and gas, sulphur, or other mineral leasing, the Director will receive and consider nominations of tracts or requests describing areas and expressing an interest in leasing of minerals, or, from time to time, upon his own motion, upon approval of the Secretary, may issue calls for nominations of tracts for the leasing of minerals in specified areas. Nominations of tracts should be addressed to the Director, with copies to the appropriate Bureau of Land Management field office and the appropriate oil and gas supervisor of the Geological Survey. The Director, Geological Survey, shall submit recommendations to the Director on tract selections and lease terms and conditions.

§ 3381.4 Selection of tracts.

The Director, prior to the final selection of tracts for leasing, either selected on his own motion or nominated pursuant to § 3381.3 of this subpart, shall evaluate fully the potential effect of the leasing program on the total environment, aquatic resources, aesthetics, recreation, and other resources in the entire area during exploration, development

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and operational phases. To aid him in his evaluation and determinations he shall request and consider the views and recommendations of appropriate Federal agencies, may hold public hearings after appropriate notice, and may consult with State agencies, organizations, industries, and individuals. The Director shall develop special leasing stipulations and conditions when necessary to protect the environment and all other resources, and such special stipulations and conditions shall be contained in the proposed notice of lease offer. The proposed notice of lease offer, together with all views and recommendations received and the Director's findings or actions thereon, shall be submitted to the Secretary for final approval.

§ 3381.5 Notice of lease offer.

Upon approval of the Secretary, the Director shall publish the notice of lease offer at the expense of the United States in the FEDERAL REGISTER, as the official publication, and in other publications as may be desirable. The publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER shall be at least 30 days prior to the date of the sale. The notice shall state the place and time at which bids will be filed, and the place, date, and hour at which bids will be opened. The notice shall contain any special stipulations or conditions which will become a part of any lease issued pursuant to such notice, including stipulations or conditions for the protection of the environment, aquatic life and other resources.

§ 3381.6 Tracts subject to drainage.

Upon direction of the Secretary, the Director, after obtaining the recommendation of the Director, Geological Survey, is authorized to publish on his own motion notices of lease offer of tracts which have been determined by the Director, Geological Survey, to be subject to drainage of their oil and gas deposits from wells on other tracts. The Director may request and consider the views and recommedations of appropriate Federal and State agencies prior to publishing the notice of lease offer. The notice shall be published in accordance with section 3381.5 of this subpart.

7. Section 3382.1 is revised to read as follows:

§ 3382.1 General.

Tracts will be offered for lease by competitive sealed bidding under conditions specified in the notice of lease offer. Each oil and gas lease issued pursuant to section 8 of the act shall cover a compact area not exceeding 5,760 acres.

8. Section 3382.2 is redesignated § 3385a.1 and is included in a new Subpart 3385a, as hereinafter provided. A new § 3382.2 is added as follows:

§ 3382.2 Term.

(a) All oil and gas leases shall be issued for a term of 5 years and so long thereafter as oil or gas may be produced from the leasehold in paying quantities, or drilling or well reworking operations, as approved by the Secretary under § 3385a.1 of this part, are conducted thereon.

(b) All sulphur leases shall be issued for a term of 10 years and so long thereafter as sulphur may be produced from the leasehold in paying quantities or drilling, well reworking, plant construction, or other operations for the production of sulphur, as approved by the Secretary, are conducted thereon.

(c) Other mineral leases shall be issued for such terms as may be prescribed at the time of offering the leases in the notice of lease offer.

§ 3382.3 [Deleted]

9. Section 3382.3 is deleted. Its content is included in a new § 3381.5, as heretofore provided.

10. The first sentence of § 3382.5 is deleted and the following substituted therefor:

§ 3382.5 Award of lease.

Sealed bids received in response to the notice of lease offer shall be opened at the place, date and hour specified in the notice. The opening of bids is for the sole purpose of publicly announcing and recording the bids received and no bids will be accepted or rejected at that time. In accordance with section 8 of the act, leases will be awarded only to the highest responsible qualified bidder. The United States reserves the right and discretion to reject any and all bids received for any tract, regardless of the amount offered. Awards of leases will be made only by written notice from the authorized officer. Such notices shall transmit the lease forms for execution. * * *

11. Section 3383.4 is redesignated § 3385a.3 and is included in a new Subpart 3385a, as hereinafter provided.

12. Paragraph (a) of § 3383.5 is revised as follows:

§ 3383.5 Effect of suspensions on royalty and rental.

(a) In the event that under the provisions of 30 CFR 250.12(c) or (d)(1) the regional oil and gas supervisor of the Geological Survey with respect to any lease directs the suspension of both operations and production, or with respect to a lease on which there is no producible well directs the suspension of operations, no payment of rental or minimum royalty will be required for or during the period of the suspension. In the event that under the provisions of 30 CFR 250.12(d)(1) the supervisor approves, at the request of a lessee, the suspension of operations or production, or both, or under the provisions of 30 CFR 250.12 (d)(3) suspends any operation including production, the lessee will not be relieved of the obligation to pay rental, minimum royalty or royalty for or during the period of suspension.

(b) In the event the anniversary date of a lease falls within a period of suspension for which no rental or minimum royalty payments are required under paragraph (a), of this section, the prorated rentals or minimum royalties, if any are due and payable as of the date the suspension period terminates, shall be computed and notice thereof given

the lessee. Payment of the amount due shall be made by the lessee within 30 days after receipt of such notice. The anniversary date of a lease will not change by reason of any period of lease suspension or rental or royalty relief resulting therefrom.

13. Paragraph (b) of § 3383.5 is redesignated paragraph (e) of § 250.12 of Chapter II of Title 30 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

§ 3384.1 [Amended]

14. In § 3384.1 in the first sentence the amount "$15,000" is changed to read "$50,000," and in the first and the sixth sentences the amounts "$100,000" are changed to read "$300,000". The words "New Orleans, Louisiana" appearing in the eighth sentence are deleted.

§ 3384.2 [Amended]

15. In § 3384.2 the amount "$100,000" is changed to read "$300,000".

§ 3385.1 [Amended]

16. The second sentence of this section is amended by deleting "Bureau of Land Management, Washington 25, D.C." and substituting therefor "appropriate office of the Bureau of Land Management".

17. A new Subpart 3385a is added as follows:

Subpart 3385a—Extension of Leases

§ 3385a.1 Extension of leases by drilling or well reworking operations.

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§ 3385a.2 Directional drilling.

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§ 3385a.3 Compensatory payments.

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§ 3385a.4 Effect of suspensions on lease term.

In the event that under the provisions of 30 CFR 250.12(c) or (d)(1), the regional oil and gas supervisor of the Geological Survey directs the suspension of either operations or production, or both, with respect to any lease, the term of the lease will be extended by a period equivalent to the period of the suspension. In the event that under the provisions of 30 CFR 250.12(c) or (d)(1), the supervisor approves the suspension of either operations or production, or both, with respect to any lease, the term of the lease will not be deemed to expire so long as the suspension remains in effect.

§ 3386.1 [Amended]

18. The first sentence of this section is amended by deleting the words "Director's office" and substituting therefor "appropriate office of the Bureau of Land Management."

MITCHELL MELICH,
Acting Secretary of the Interior.

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SUBCHAPTER B—LAND TENURE MANAGEMENT (2000)

[Circular 2263]

PART 2240—SALES AND EXCHANGES

Subpart 2244—Exchanges

EXCHANGES WITHIN NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM OR MISCELLANEOUS AREAS

1. Section 2244.1 is amended to read:

§ 2244.1 Provisions applicable to all exchanges.

Except where otherwise noted in the regulations of this Subpart 2244, the regulations in this § 2244.1 are applicable to all exchanges involving the selection of lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior.

2. New paragraphs (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j) are added to § 2244.4–4 to read as follows:

§ 2244.4–4 National Park System exchanges.

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(f) *Bighorn Canyon Recreation Area.* The Act of October 15, 1966 (16 U.S.C. 460t (Supplement III, 1965–67)) establishes the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area. It authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to accept title to any non-Federal property within the area and convey in exchange therefor any federally owned property under his jurisdiction in the States of Montana and Wyoming which he classifies as suitable for exchange or other disposal, notwithstanding any other provision of law. Property so exchanged shall be approximately equal in fair market value, provided that the Secretary may accept cash from, or pay cash to, the grantor in an exchange in order to equalize the values of the properties exchanged.

(g) *Act of July 15, 1968.* (1) The Act of July 15, 1968 (16 U.S.C.A. 460L–22, 1969 Supplement) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to accept title to any non-Federal property or interest therein within a unit of the National Park System or miscellaneous area under his administration, in exchange for any federally owned property or interest therein under his jurisdiction which he determines is suitable for exchange or other disposal. The selected land shall be located in the same State as the offered land. Timber lands subject to harvest under a sustained yield program shall not be exchanged. Public hearings will be held in the area where the lands to be exchanged are located, if a written request therefor is submitted to the Secretary or his authorized officer prior to such exchange, by a State or a political subdivision thereof or by a party in interest. The value of the properties exchanged shall be approximately equal, or if they are not approximately equal, the values shall be equalized by payment of cash to the grantor or to the Secretary, as circumstances require. Payment of cash by the Secretary shall be made only from funds appropriated for the acquisition of land for the area.

(2) The term "National Park System" means all federally owned or controlled lands which are administered under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior in accordance with 16 U.S.C. sections 1 and 2–4, and which are grouped into the following descriptive categories: (i) National parks, (ii) national monuments, (iii) national historical parks, (iv) national memorials, (v) national parkways, and (vi) national capital parks.

(3) The term "miscellaneous areas" includes lands under the administrative jurisdiction of another Federal agency, or lands in private ownership, and over which the National Park Service, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to cooperative agreement, exercises supervision for recreational, historical, or other related purposes, and also any lands under the care and custody of the National Park Service other than those described above.

(h) *North Cascades National Park, Washington.* The Act of October 2, 1968 (82 Stat. 926) establishes the North Cascades National Park, the Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area. The act authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to accept title to any non-Federal property within the boundaries of the park and the recreation areas and in exchange therefor to convey to the grantor of such property any federally owned property under his jurisdiction in

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the State of Washington which he classifies as suitable for exchange or other disposal. The values of the properties so exchanged either shall be approximately equal, or, if they are not, shall be equalized by the payment of cash to the grantor or to the Secretary as the circumstances require.

(i) *Redwood National Park, Calif.* The Act of October 2, 1968 (82 Stat. 931) establishes the Redwood National Park. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to accept title to any non-Federal property within the boundaries of the park, and outside of such boundaries within prescribed limits in exchange for any federally owned property under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management in California, except property needed for public use and management, which he classifies as suitable for exchange or other disposal. Such federally owned property shall also be available for use by the Secretary in payment of just compensation for real property taken pursuant to the act. The values of the properties exchanged either shall be approximately equal or, if they are not, shall be equalized by the payment of cash to the grantor or to the Secretary as the circumstances require.

(j) *Biscayne National Monument, Fla.* The Act of October 18, 1968 (Public Law 90–606) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Biscayne National Monument, and to accept title to any non-Federal property within the boundaries of the national monument and outside such boundaries within prescribed areas, in exchange for any federally owned property under his jurisdiction in the State of Florida which he classifies as suitable for exchange or other disposal. The values of the properties exchanged either shall be approximately equal, or, if they are not, shall be equalized by the payment of cash to the grantor or to the Secretary as circumstances require.

3. A new section is added to Subpart 2244 to read as follows:

§ 2244.4–7 National wild and scenic rivers system; national trails system.

(a) *National wild and scenic rivers system.* The Act of October 2, 1968 (82 Stat. 906) institutes a national wild and scenic rivers system, designates the initial components of that system and provides for additional components to be added to the system. The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture are each authorized to acquire lands within any component of the system administered by him to an average of not more than 100 acres per mile on both sides of the river. The appropriate Secretary is authorized to accept title to non-Federal property within the authorized boundaries of any federally administered component of the system in exchange for any federally owned property under his jurisdiction within the State in which the component lies and which he classifies as suitable for exchange or other disposal. The values of the properties so exchanged either shall be approximately equal, or, if they are not, shall be equalized by the payment of cash to the grantor or the Secretary as the circumstances require.

(b) *National trails system.* The Act of October 2, 1968 (82 Stat. 919), provides for the establishment and designation of trails by the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture, each on lands administered by him.

(1) The Act authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to accept title to any non-Federal property within the trail right-of-way in exchange for any federally owned property under his jurisdiction which is located in the State and which he classifies as suitable for exchange or other disposal. The values of the properties so exchanged either shall be approximately equal or, if they are not, shall be equalized by the payment of cash to the grantor or the Secretary as the circumstances require.

(2) The Act authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to use authorities and procedures available to him in connection with exchanges of national forest lands.

(3) When an application involves the selection of public domain land outside of national forests and under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, the proponents shall comply with the regulations in § 2244.1.

§ 2244.3–2 [Corrected]

In § 2244.3–2 the section referred to in the last sentence is corrected to read "§ 2244.1".

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Subpart 3380—Outer Continental Shelf Mineral Deposits; General

§ 3380.0–3 Purpose and authority.

The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of August 7, 1953 (67 Stat. 462; 43 U.S.C. § 1331 et seq.), referred to in this part as "the act", among other things, authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to issue on a competitive basis leases for oil and gas, sulphur, and other minerals in submerged lands of the Outer Continental Shelf, as defined in section 2 of the act. Subject to the supervisory authority of the Secretary, the regulations in this part shall be administered by the Director, Bureau of Land Management, hereinafter referred to in this part as the Director.

§ 3380.0–4 Applicability of public land laws.

The laws and regulations pertaining to the public lands of the United States are not applicable to the submerged lands of the Outer Continental Shelf. Mineral deposits in the submerged lands of the Outer Continental Shelf are subject to disposition only in accordance with the provisions of the act and the regulations promulgated by the Secretary thereunder.

§ 3380.1 Persons qualified to hold leases.

Mineral leases issued pursuant to section 8 of the act may be held only by citizens of the United States over 21 years of age, associations of such citizens, States, political subdivisions of a State, or private, public, or municipal corporations organized under the laws of the United States or of any State or Territory thereof.

§ 3380.3 Helium.

Each lease issued or continued under the act shall be subject to a reservation by the United States of the ownership of and the right to extract helium from all gas produced from the leased area, subject to such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior. In case the United States elects to take the helium, the lessee shall deliver all gas containing helium, or the portion of gas desired, to the United States at any point on the leased area in the manner required by the United States, for the extraction of helium in such plant or reduction works for that purpose as the United States may provide, whereupon the residue shall be returned to the lessee with no substantial delay in the delivery of gas produced from the well to the purchaser thereof. The lessee shall not suffer a diminution of value of the gas from which the helium has been extracted, or loss otherwise, for which he is not reasonably compensated, save for the value of the helium extracted. The United States shall have the right to erect, maintain, and operate on the leased area any and all reduction works and other equipment necessary for the extraction of helium.

§ 3380.4 Payments of filing charges, bonuses, rentals and royalties.

All payments to the United States required by the act or the regulations in this part shall be made to the oil and gas supervisor of the Geological Survey for the region in which the leased area is situated, except that payments of filing charges, bonuses and first year's rental shall be made to the manager of the appropriate field office, Bureau of Land Management, unless otherwise directed by the Secretary. All payments should be made by check, bank draft, or money order payable to the United States Geological Survey, if the payments are made to the Geological Survey, or to the Bureau of Land Management, if the payments are made to that Bureau.

Subpart 3381—Leasing Areas

§ 3381.1 Leasing maps.

(a) Any area of the outer Continental Shelf which has been appropriately platted as provided in paragraph (b) of this section is subject to lease for any mineral not included in a subsisting lease issued under the act or meeting the requirements of subsection (a) of section 6 of the act, unless before any lease is offered or issued the unit is (1) withdrawn from disposition pursuant to section 12(a) of the act, or (2) designated as an area or part of an area restricted from operation under section 12(d) of the act.

(b) As the need arises, the Bureau of Land Management will prepare official leasing maps of areas of the outer Continental Shelf, which will be made to conform so far as practicable to the method of tract designation established by the adjoining State. The area included in each mineral lease shall be described in accordance with the official leasing map.

§ 3381.2 Resources evaluation.

From time to time the Director may announce tentative schedules of lease sales of Outer Continental Shelf areas. At such time as an area is initially considered for mineral leasing, or as the need arises, the Director shall request the Director, Geological Survey, to prepare a summary report describing the general geology and potential mineral resources of the area and shall request other interested Federal agencies to prepare reports describing to the extent known any other valuable resources contained within the general area and the potential effect of mineral operations upon the resources or upon the total environment.

§ 3381.3 Nominations of tracts.

In selecting tracts for oil and gas, sulphur, or other mineral leasing, the Director will receive and consider nominations of tracts or requests describing areas and expressing an interest in leasing of minerals, or, from time to time, upon his own motion, upon approval of the Secretary, may issue calls for nominations of tracts for the leasing of minerals in specified areas. Nominations of tracts should be addressed to the Director, with copies to the appropriate Bureau of Land Management field office and the appropriate oil and gas supervisor of the Geological Survey. The Director, Geological Survey, shall submit recommendations to the Director on tract selections and lease terms and conditions.

§ 3381.4 Selection of tracts.

The Director, prior to the final selection of tracts for leasing, either selected on his own motion or nominated pursuant to § 3381.3 of this subpart, shall evaluate fully the potential effect of the leasing program on the total environment, aquatic resources, aesthetics, recreation, and other resources in the entire area during exploration, development and operational phases. To aid him in his evaluation and determinations he shall request and consider the views and recommendations of appropriate Federal agencies, may hold public hearings after appropriate notice, and may consult with State agencies, organizations, industries, and individuals. The Director shall develop special leasing stipulations and conditions when necessary to protect the environment and all other resources, and such special stipulations and conditions shall be contained in the proposed notice of lease offer. The proposed notice of lease offer, together with all views and recommendations received and the Director's findings or actions thereon, shall be submitted to the Secretary for final approval.

§ 3381.5 Notice of lease offer.

Upon approval of the Secretary, the Director shall publish the notice of lease offer at the expense of the United States in the FEDERAL REGISTER, as the official publication, and in other publications as may be desirable. The publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER shall be at least 30 days prior to the date of the sale. The notice shall state the place and time at which bids will be filed, and the place, date, and hour at which bids will be opened. The notice shall contain any special stipulations or conditions which will become a part of any lease issued pursuant to such notice, including stipulations or conditions for the protection of the environment, aquatic life and other resources.

§ 3381.6 Tracts subject to drainage.

Upon direction of the Secretary, the Director, after obtaining the recommendation of the Director, Geological Survey, is authorized to publish on his own motion notices of lease offer of tracts which have been determined by the Director, Geological Survey, to be subject to drainage of their oil and gas deposits from wells on other tracts. The Director may request and consider the views and recommedations of appropriate Federal and State agencies prior to publishing the notice of lease offer. The notice shall be published in accordance with section 3381.5 of this subpart.

Subpart 3382—Issuance of Leases

§ 3382.1 General.

Tracts will be offered for lease by competitive sealed bidding under conditions specified in the notice of lease offer. Each oil and gas lease issued pursuant to section 8 of the act shall cover a compact area not exceeding 5,760 acres.

§ 3382.2 Term.

(a) All oil and gas leases shall be issued for a term of 5 years and so long thereafter as oil or gas may be produced from the leasehold in paying quantities, or drilling or well reworking operations, as approved by the Secretary under § 3385a.1 of this part, are conducted thereon.

(b) All sulphur leases shall be issued for a term of 10 years and so long thereafter as sulphur may be produced from the leasehold in paying quantities or drilling, well reworking, plant construction, or other operations for the production of sulphur, as approved by the Secretary, are conducted thereon.

(c) Other mineral leases shall be issued for such terms as may be prescribed at the time of offering the leases in the notice of lease offer.

§ 3382.4 What must accompany bids.

(a) A separate bid must be submitted for each lease unit described in the notice of lease offer. A bid may not be submitted for less than an entire unit. Each bidder must submit with his bid a certified or cashier's check or bank draft on a solvent bank, or a money order or cash, for one-fifth of the amount of the cash bonus. If the bidder is an individual, he must submit with his bid a statement of his citizenship. If the bidder is an association (including a partnership), the bid shall be accompanied also by a certified copy of the articles of association or appropriate reference to the record of the Bureau of Land Management in which such a copy has already been filed, with a statement as to any subsequent amendments. If the bidder is a corporation, the following additional information shall be submitted with the bid.

(1) A certified copy of the articles of incorporation and a copy either of the minutes of the meeting of the board of directors or of the by-laws indicating that the person signing the bid has authority to do so, or, in lieu of such a copy, a certificate by the secretary or the assistant secretary of the corporation to that effect, over the corporate seal or appropriate reference to the record of the Bureau of Land Management in connection with which such articles and authority have been previously furnished.

(b) All bidders are warned against violation of the provisions of Title 18 U.S.C. section 1860, prohibiting unlawful combination or intimidation of bidders.

§ 3382.5 Award of lease.

Sealed bids received in response to the notice of lease offer shall be opened at the place, date and hour specified in the notice. The opening of bids is for the sole purpose of publicly announcing and recording the bids received and no bids will be accepted or rejected at that time. In accordance with section 8 of the act, leases will be awarded only to the highest responsible qualified bidder. The United States reserves the right and discretion to reject any and all bids received for any tract, regardless of the amount offered. Awards of leases will be made only by written notice from the authorized officer. Such notices shall transmit the lease forms for execution. In the event the highest bids are tie bids, tie bidders may file with the Director within 15 days after notification an agreement to accept the lease jointly, othewise all bids will be rejected. If the authorized officer fails to accept the highest bid for a lease within 30 days after the date on which the bids are opened, all bids for such lease will be considered rejected. Notice of his action will be transmitted promptly to the several bidders. If the lease is awarded, three copies of the lease will be sent to the successful bidder and he will be required within 30 days from his receipt thereof to execute them, pay the first year's rental, the balance of the bonus bid, and file a bond as required in § 3384.1. Deposits on rejected bids will be returned. If the successful bidder fails to execute the lease or otherwise comply with the applicable regulations, his deposit will be forfeited and disposed of as other receipts under the act. If before the lease is executed on behalf of the United States the land is withdrawn or restricted from leasing, all payments made by the bidder will be refunded. If the awarded lease is executed by an agent acting in behalf of the bidder, the lease must be accompanied by evidence that the bidder authorized the agent to execute the lease. When the three copies of the lease are executed by the successful bidder and returned to the authorized officer, the lease will be executed on behalf of the United States, and one fully executed copy will be mailed to the successful bidder.

§ 3382.6 Form.

Oil and gas leases and leases for sulphur will be issued on forms approved by the Director. Other mineral leases will be issued on such forms as may be prescribed by the Secretary.

§ 3382.7 Dating of leases.

All leases issued under the regulations in this part will be dated and become effective as of the first day of the month following the date the leases are signed on behalf of the lessor, except that, when prior written request is made, a lease may be dated and become effective as of the first day of the month within which it is so signed.

Subpart 3383—Rentals and Royalties

§ 3383.1 Rentals.

An annual rental shall be due and payable in advance on the first day of each lease year prior to discovery at the rate specified in the lease. The owner of any lease created by the assignment of a portion of a producing lease and on which assigned portion there is no discovery shall be required to pay an annual rental for such assigned portion at the rate per acre specified in the lease payable each lease year following the year in which the assignment became effective and prior to a discovery on such segregated portion.

§ 3383.2 Royalties.

Royalties shall be at the rate specified in the lease but in no event shall the royalty on oil and gas be less than 12½ percent of the amount or value of the production saved, removed or sold from the lease, nor on sulphur less than 5 percent of the gross production of value of the sulphur at the wellhead.

§ 3383.3 Minimum royalty.

Each lessee shall pay the minimum royalty specified in the lease at the end of each lease year beginning with the first lease year following a discovery on the lease.

§ 3383.5 Effect of suspensions on royalty and rental.

(a) In the event that under the provisions of 30 CFR 250.12(c) or (d)(1) the regional oil and gas supervisor of the Geological Survey with respect to any lease directs the suspension of both operations and production, or with respect to a lease on which there is no producible well directs the suspension of operations, no payment of rental or minimum royalty will be required for or during the period of the suspension. In the event that under the provisions of 30 CFR 250.12(d)(1) the supervisor approves, at the request of a lessee, the suspension of operations or production, or both, or under the provisions of 30 CFR 250.12 (d)(3) suspends any operation including production, the lessee will not be relieved of the obligation to pay rental, minimum royalty or royalty for or during the period of suspension.

(b) In the event the anniversary date of a lease falls within a period of suspension for which no rental or minimum royalty payments are required under paragraph (a), of this section, the prorated rentals or minimum royalties, if any are due and payable as of the date the suspension period terminates, shall be computed and notice thereof given the lessee. Payment of the amount due shall be made by the lessee within 30 days after receipt of such notice. The anniversary date of a lease will not change by reason of any period of lease suspension or rental or royalty relief resulting therefrom.

Subpart 3384—Bonds

§ 3384.1 Amount of bond required of lessee.

The successful bidder prior to the issuance of an oil and gas or sulphur lease must furnish a corporate surety bond in the sum of $50,000 conditioned on compliance with all of the terms of the lease, unless he already maintains or furnishes a bond in the sum of $300,000 conditioned on compliance with the terms of oil and gas and sulphur leases held by him on the Outer Continental Shelf in the (a) Gulf of Mexico, (b) along the Pacific Coast, or (c) along the Atlantic Coast, as may be appropriate. An operator's bond in the same amount may be substituted at any time for the lessee's bond. The United States reserves the right to require additional security in the form of a supplemental bond or bonds or to increase the coverage of an existing bond if, after operations or production have begun, such additional security is deemed necessary. The amount of bond coverage on leases for other minerals will be determined at the time of the offer to lease and will be stated in the notice of lease offer. Where upon a default, the surety on an Outer Continental Shelf Mineral Lease Bond makes payment to the Government of any indebtedness under a lease secured thereby, the face amount of such bond and the surety's liability thereunder shall be reduced by the amount of such payment. Thereafter, upon penalty of cancellation of all of the leases covered by such bond, the principal shall post a new bond, on a form approved by the Director, in the amount of $300,000 within 6 months after notice, or within such shorter period as the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management may fix. However, in lieu thereof, the principal may within that time file separate bonds for each lease. The provisions hereof may be made applicable to any bond in force at the time of the approval of the amendment of this section by filing in the local office of the Bureau of Land Management, a written consent to that effect and an agreement to be bound by the provisions hereof executed by the principal and surety. Upon receipt thereof the bond will be deemed to be subject to the provisions of this section.

§ 3384.2 Form of bond.

Bonds furnished by lessee or operator for a single lease will be on forms approved by the Director. The $300,000 bond will be on a form approved by the Director.

Subpart 3385—Assignments or Transfers

§ 3385.1 Assignment of leases or interests therein.

Leases, or any undivided interest therein, may be assigned in whole or as to any officially designated subdivision subject to the approval of the authorized officer, to any one qualified under § 3380.1 to take and hold a lease. Any assignment made under this section shall, upon approval, be deemed to be effective on and after the first day of the lease month following its filing in the appropriate office of the Bureau of Land Management, unless at the request of the parties an earlier date is specified in the Director's approval. The assignor shall be liable for all obligations under the lease accruing prior to the approval of the assignment.

§ 3385.2 Requirements for filing of transfers.

(a) (1) All instruments of transfer of a lease or of an interest therein, including operating agreements, subleases, and assignments of record interests, must be filed in triplicate for approval within 90 days from the date of final execution with a statement over the transferee's own signature with respect to citizenship and qualifications

similar to that required of a lessee and must contain all of the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties thereto. Carried working interests, overriding royalty interests, or payments out of production, may be created or transferred without requirement for filing or approval.

(2) An application for approval of any instrument required to be filed must be accompanied by a fee of $10, and an application not accompanied by payment of such a fee will not be accepted for filing. Such fee will not be returned even though the application later be withdrawn or rejected in whole or in part.

(b) Where an attorney in fact, in behalf of the holder of a lease, operating agreement or sublease signs an assignment of the agreement, lease, or interest, or signs the application for approval, there must be furnished evidence of the authority of the attorney in fact to execute the assignment or application and the statement required by § 3382.4.

(c) Where an assignment creates a segregated lease a bond must be furnished in the amount prescribed in § 3384.1. Where an assignment does not create separate leases the assignee, if the assignment so provides and the surety consents, may become a joint principal on the bond with the assignor.

(d) In order for the heirs or devisees of a deceased holder of a lease, or any interest therein, to be recognized by the Department as the lawful successor to such lease or interest, evidence of their status as such heirs or devisees must be furnished in the form of a certified copy of an appropriate order or decree of the court having jurisdiction of the distribution of the estate or, if no court action is necessary, the statements of two disinterested parties having knowledge of the facts or a certified copy of the will, and, in all cases, the statements of the heirs or devisees that they are the persons named as successors to the estate with evidence of their qualifications as provided in § 3382.4. In the event such heirs or devisees are unable to qualify to hold the lease or interest they will nevertheless be recognized as the lawful successors of the deceased for a period of not to exceed 2 years from the date of death of their predecessor in interest.

§ 3385.3 Separate assignments required for transfer of record title to leases.

A separate instrument of assignment must be filed for each lease when transfers involve record titles. When transfers to the same person, association, or corporation, involving more than one lease are filed at the same time for approval, one request for approval and one showing as to the qualifications of the assignee will be sufficient.

§ 3385.4 Effect of assignment of particular tract.

(a) When an assignment is made of all of the record title to a portion of the acreage in a lease, the assigned and retained portions become segregated into separate and distinct leases. The assignee becomes a lessee of the Government as to the segregated tract and is bound by the terms of the lease as though he had obtained the lease from the United States in his own name, and the assignment after its approval will be the basis of a new record. Royalty, minimum royalty, and rental provisions of the original lease shall apply separately to each segregated portion.

(b) In the case of an assignment of a portion of an oil and gas lease the segregated leases shall continue in full force and effect for the primary term of the original lease and so long thereafter as oil or gas may be produced from the original leased area in paying quantities or drilling or well reworking operations as approved by the Secretary are conducted thereon.

Subpart 3385a—Extension of Leases

§ 3385a.1 Extension of leases by drilling or well reworking operations.

(a) The Secretary shall be deemed to have approved, within the meaning of section 8(b)(2) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, drilling or well reworking operations, conducted on the leased area in the following instances:

(1) If, after discovery of oil or gas in paying quantities has been made on the leasehold, and within 90 days prior to expiration of the five-year term or any extension thereof, or thereafter, the production thereof shall cease at any time, or from time to time, from any cause and production is restored or drilling or well reworking operations are commenced within 90 days thereafter, and such drilling or well reworking operations (whether on the same or different wells) are prosecuted diligently until production is restored in paying quantities.

(2) If, within 90 days prior to expiration of the five-year term or any extension thereof, or thereafter, at any time, or from time to time, lessee is engaged in drilling or well reworking operations on the leasehold and there is no well on the leasehold capable of producing in paying quantities and the lessee diligently prosecutes such operations (whether on the same or different wells) with no cessation of more than 90 days.

(b) The Secretary may approve such other operations for drilling or reworking upon application of lessee.

(c) Nothing in this section obviates the necessity of obtaining the Oil and Gas Supervisor's approval of a plan or notice of intention to drill or of complying with the other provisions of 30 CFR Part 250.

§ 3385a.2 Directional drilling.

A lease may be maintained in force by directional wells drilled under the leased area from surface locations on adjacent or adjoining land not covered by the lease. In such circumstances, drilling shall be considered to have commenced on the leased area when drilling is commenced on the adjacent or adjoining land for the purpose of directionally drilling under the leased area through any directional well surfaced on adjacent or adjoining land, and production, drilling, or reworking of any such directional well shall be considered production or drilling or reworking operations (as the case may be) on the leased area for all purposes of the lease.

§ 3385a.3 Compensatory payments.

In the event that an oil and gas lessee makes compensatory payments as provided in 30 CFR 250.33 and in the event that the lease is not being maintained in force by other production of oil or gas in paying quantities or by other approved drilling or reworking operations, such payments shall be considered as the equivalent of production in paying quantities for all purposes of the lease.

§ 3385a.4 Effect of suspensions on lease term.

In the event that under the provisions of 30 CFR 250.12(c) or (d)(1), the regional oil and gas supervisor of the Geological Survey directs the suspension of either operations or production, or both, with respect to any lease, the term of the lease will be extended by a period equivalent to the period of the suspension. In the event that under the provisions of 30 CFR 250.12(c) or (d)(1), the supervisor approves the suspension of either operations or production, or both, with respect to any lease, the term of the lease will not be deemed to expire so long as the suspension remains in effect.

Subpart 3386—Termination of Leases

§ 3386.1 Relinquishment of leases or parts of leases.

A lease or any officially designated subdivision thereof may be surrendered by the record title holder by filing a written relinquishment, in triplicate, with the appropriate office of the Bureau of Land Management. A relinquishment shall take effect on the date it is filed subject to the continued obligation of the lessee and his surety to make payment of all accrued rentals and royalties and to abandon all wells on the land to be relinquished to the satisfaction of the oil and gas supervisor.

§ 3386.2 Cancellation of leases.

Any nonproducing lease issued under the act may be canceled by the authorized officer whenever the lessee fails to comply with any provision of the act or lease or applicable regulations in force and effect on the date of the issuance of the lease, if such failure to comply continues for 30 days after mailing of notice by registered letter to the lease owner at his record post office address. Any such cancellation is subject to judicial review as provided in section 8(j) of the act upon the complaint of any person. Producing leases issued under the act may be canceled for such failure only by judicial proceedings in the manner prescribed in section 5(b) (2) of the act. Any lease issued under the act, whether producing or not, will be canceled by the authorized officer upon proof that it was obtained by fraud or misrepresentation, and after notice and opportunity to be heard has been afforded to the lessee.

Subpart 3387—Mineral Deposits Affected by Section 6 of Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act

§ 3387.1 Effect of regulations on provisions of lease.

(a) As contemplated by section 6(b) of the act, the preceding regulations in this part so far as they are applicable and the following regulations will supersede the provisions of any lease which is determined to meet the requirements of section 6(a) of the act, to the extent that they cover the same subject matter, with the following exceptions: The provisions of a lease with respect to the area covered by the lease, the minerals covered by the lease, the rentals payable under the lease, the royalties payable under the lease (subject to the provisions of sections 6(a)(8) and 6(a)(9) of the act), and the term of the lease (subject to the provisions of section 6(a)(10) of the act and, as to sulphur, subject to the provisions of section 6(b)(2) of the act) shall continue in effect and, in the event of any conflict or inconsistency, shall take precedence over those regulations.

(b) A lease that meets the requirements of section 6(a) of the act shall also be subject to all operating and conservation regulations applicable to the outer Continental Shelf, as well as the regulations relating to geophysical and geological exploratory operations and to pipeline rights-of-way in the

outer Continental Shelf, to the extent that those regulations are not contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of the lease relating to the area covered, the minerals covered, the rentals payable, the royalties payable, and the term of the lease. Nothing herein should be construed to waive compliance with any provision of any State lease the subject matter of which is not covered in the regulations in this part.

§ 3387.2 Leases of other minerals.

The existence of a lease that meets the requirements of section 6(a) of the act will not preclude the issuance of other leases of the same area for deposits of other minerals: *Provided,* That no lease of minerals other than those covered by the lease shall authorize or permit the lessee thereunder unreasonably to interfere with or endanger operations under the existing lease: *And provided further,* That no sulphur leases will be granted by the United States on any area while such area is included in a lease covering sulphur under section 6(b) of the act.

§ 3387.3 Obligations of lessee.

§ 3387.3–1 Bonds.

Within 30 days from the effective date of the regulations in this part or within such further period or periods as may be fixed from time to time by the authorized officer, the lessee under a lease meeting the requirements of section 6(a) of the act must furnish a bond as provided in § 3384.1.

§ 3387.3–2 Wells.

(a) After due notice in writing, the lessee shall drill and produce such wells as the Secretary may reasonably require in order that the leased area or any part thereof may be properly and timely developed and produced in accordance with good operating practice.

(b) At the election of the lessee, the lessee may drill and produce other wells in conformity with any system of well spacing or production allotments affecting the area, field, or pool in which the leased area or any part thereof is situated, which is authorized or sanctioned by applicable law or by the Secretary.

(c) The lessee shall drill and produce such wells as are necessary to protect the lessor from loss by reason of production on other properties, or in lieu thereof, with the consent of the oil and gas supervisor, to pay a sum determined by the supervisor as adequate to compensate the lessor for failure to drill and produce any such well. In the event that this lease is not being maintained in force by other production of oil or gas in paying quantities or by other approved drilling or reworking operations, such payments shall be considered as the equivalent of production in paying quantities for all purposes of this lease.

§ 3387.3–3 Inspection.

The lessee shall keep open at all reasonable times for the inspection of any duly authorized officer of the Department of the Interior, the leased area and all wells, improvements, machinery and fixtures thereon and all books, accounts, maps and records relative to operations and surveys or investigations on or with regard to the leased area or under the lease.

§ 3387.3–4 Diligence; compliance with regulations and orders.

The lessee shall exercise reasonable diligence in drilling and producing the wells herein provided for; shall carry on all operations in accordance with approved methods and practices including those provided in the operating and conservation regulations for the outer Continental Shelf; shall remove all structures when no longer required for operations under the lease to sufficient depth beneath the surface of the waters to prevent them from being a hazard to navigation and the fishing industry; and shall carry out at expense of the lessee all lawful and reasonable orders of the lessor relative to the matters in this section. On failure of the lessee so to do the lessor shall have the right to enter on the property and to accomplish the purpose of such orders at the lessee's cost: *Provided,* That the lessee shall not be held responsible for delays or casualties occasioned by causes beyond the lessee's control.

§ 3387.3–5 Freedom of purchase.

The lessee shall accord all workmen and employees directly engaged in any of the operations under the lease complete freedom of purchase.

§ 3387.3–6 Removal of property on termination of lease.

Upon the expiration of any lease, or the earlier termination thereof as provided in the regulations in this part, the lessee shall within a period of one year thereafter remove from the premises all structures, machinery, equipment, tools, and materials other than improvements needed for producing wells or for drilling or producing other leases, and other property permitted by the lessor to be maintained.

§ 3387.4 Exploration and operations.

§ 3387.4–1 Purchase of production.

In time of war, or when the President of the United States shall so prescribe, the United States shall have the right of first refusal to purchase at the market price all or any portion of the oil or gas produced from the leased area, as provided in section 12(b) of the act.

§ 3387.4–2 Suspension of operations during war or national emergency.

Upon recommendation of the Secretary of Defense, during a state of war or national emergency declared by the Congress or the President of the United States after August 7, 1953, the Secretary is authorized to suspend any or all operations under a lease, as provided in section 12(c) of the act: *Provided,* That just compensation shall be paid by the United States to the lessee whose operations are thus suspended.

§ 3387.4–3 Restriction of exploration and operations.

The United States shall have the right, as provided in section 12(d) of the act, to restrict from exploration and operations the leased area or any part thereof which may be designated by and through the Secretary of Defense, with the approval of the President of the United States, as, or as part of, an area of the outer Continental Shelf needed for national defense. So long as such designation remains in effect no exploration or operations may be conducted on the surface of the leased area or the part thereof included within the designation except with the concurrence of the Secretary of Defense. If operations or production under any lease within any such restricted area shall be suspended, any payments of rentals, minimum royalty, and royalty prescribed by such lease likewise shall be suspended during such period of suspension of operations and production, and the term of such lease shall be extended by adding thereto any such suspension period, and the United States shall be liable to the lessee for such compensation as is required to be paid under the Constitution of the United States.

§ 3387.4–4 Geological and geophysical exploration; rights-of-way.

The United States reserves the right to authorize the conduct of geological and geophysical exploration in the leased area which does not interfere with or endanger actual operations under the lease and the right to grant such easements or rights-of-way, upon, through, or in the leased area as may be necessary or appropriate to the working of other lands containing the deposits described in the act, and to the treatment and shipment of products thereof by or under authority of the Government, its lessees or permittees, and for other public purposes, subject to the provisions of section 5(c) of the act where they are applicable and to all lawful and reasonable regulations and conditions prescribed by the Secretary thereunder.

§ 3387.4–5 Leases of sulphur and other mineral.

The United States reserves the right to grant sulphur leases and leases of any mineral other than oil, gas, and sulphur within the leased area or any part thereof, subject to the provisions of sections 8(c), 8(d), and 8(e) of the act and all lawful and reasonable regulations prescribed by the Secretary thereunder: *Provided,* That no such sulphur lease or lease of other mineral shall authorize or permit the lessee thereunder unreasonably to interfere with or endanger operations under the lease which is continued under section 6 of the act.

§ 3387.5 Remedies in case of default.

(a) Whenever the lessee fails to comply with any of the provisions of the act or of the lease or of the lawful and reasonable regulations issued within 90 days after the authorized officer has determined that the lease meets the requirements of section 6(a) of the act, the lease shall be subject to cancellation as follows:

(1) If, at the time of such default, no well is producing, or is capable of producing, oil or gas in paying quantities from the leased area, whether such well be drilled from a surface location within the leased area or be directionally drilled from a surface location on adjacent or adjoining lands the lease may be cancelled by the Secretary (subject to the right of judicial review as provided in section 8(j) of the act) if such default continues for the period of 30 days after mailing of notice by registered letter to the lessee at the lessee's record post office address.

(2) If, at the time of such default, any well is producing, or is capable of producing, oil or gas in paying quantities from the leased area, whether such well be drilled from a surface location within the leased area or be directionally drilled from a surface location on adjacent or adjoining lands, the lease may be cancelled by an appropriate proceeding in any United States district court having jurisdiction under the provisions of section 4(b) of the act if such default continues for the period of 30 days after mailing of notice by registered letter to the lessee at the lessee's record post office address.

(b) If any such default continues for the period of 30 days after mailing of notice by registered letter to the lessee at the lessee's record post office address, the lessor may then exercise any legal or equitable remedy which the lessor may have; however, the remedy of cancellation of the lease may be exercised only under the conditions and subject to the limitations set out in paragraph (a) of this section, or pursuant to section 8(i) of the act.

(c) A waiver of any particular default shall not prevent the cancellation of the lease or the exercise of any other remedy the lessor may have by reason of any other cause or for the same cause occurring at any other time.

§ 3387.6 Heirs and successors in interest.

Each obligation under any lease and under the regulations in this part shall extend to and be binding upon, and every benefit thereunder shall inure to, the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, or assigns of the lessee.

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RIGHTS-OF-WAY

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§ 2234.1 General regulations.

§ 2234.1–1 Scope; definitions.

(a) *Scope.* (1) This section applies to all rights-of-way covered by §§ 2234.1–1 to 2234.1–6; 2234.2–3(a); 2234.2–4; 2234.3–1; 2234.3–2; 2234.4–1; 2234.4–2; 2234.5–1; 2234.5–2; 2234.6; 2234.7; 2234.8.

(2) This does not apply to the obtaining of rights-of-way by Federal agencies over unreserved, or withdrawn, or reserved public domain lands. Such rights-of-way may be appropriated under the principles of the instructions of January 13, 1916 (44 L.D. 513), with the consent of the agency having jurisdiction or control over the land.

(3) All general right-of-way laws, and the regulations thereunder contained in this subpart, are applicable to Alaska. (See sec. 3 of the act of August 24, 1912 (37 Stat. 512; 48 U.S.C. 23), and 30 Op. Atty. Gen. 387 (1915.)

(b) *Definitions.* As used in this Subpart:

(1) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

(2) "Director" means the Director, Bureau of Land Management.

(3) "State Director" means State Director of the Bureau of Land Management, or his authorized representative.

(4) "Manager" means manager of the land office for the district in which the lands applied for are situated (see § 1821.2–1 of this chapter).

(5) "Project" means the physical structures in connection with which the right-of-way is approved.

(6) "Construction work" means any and all work, whether of a temporary or permanent nature, done in the construction of the project.

(7) "Superintendent in charge" means the officer of the United States having supervision of the land under authority of the agency having jurisdiction and control over the land involved.

(8) "Reservation lands" includes national parks and monuments, or any other reservations of the United States for the use of or administration by the National Park Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Reclamation, or any agency outside the Department of the Interior.

(9) "Right-of-way" includes license, permit, or easement, as the case may be, and, where applicable, includes "site".

§ 2234.1–2 Procedures.

(a) *Application.* (1) The application shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with the requirements of this section. It should be in typewritten form or legible handwriting. It must specify that it is made pursuant to the regulations in this part and that the applicant agrees that the right-of-way if approved, will be subject to the terms and conditions of the applicable regulations contained in this part. It should also cite the act to be invoked and state the primary purpose for which the right-of-way is to be used. Applications shall be filed in accordance with the provisions of § 1821.2 of this chapter, except that applications for rights-of-way over or through reservation lands administered by the National Park Service shall be

filed with the Director of the National Park Service, Washington, D.C. 20240. If the right-of-way has been utilized without authority prior to the time the application is made, the application must state the date such utilization commenced and by whom, and the date the applicant alleges he obtained control of the improvements.

(2) All applications filed pursuant to this part in the name of individuals, corporations or associations must be accompanied by an application service fee of $10 except where the right of way will authorize use and occupancy of the lands exclusively for the purposes stated in § 2234.1–6(c). The service fee will not be returnable. No application service fee will be required of States or agencies or instrumentalities thereof or of Government agencies.

(b) *Showing as to organizations required of corporations.* (1) An application by a private corporation must be accompanied by a copy of its charter or articles of incorporation, duly certified by the proper State official of the State where the corporation was organized.

(2) A corporation, other than a private corporation, should file a copy of the law under which it was formed and due proof of organization under the same.

(3) When a corporation is operating in a State other than that in which it was incorporated, it must submit a certificate of the Secretary of State or other proper official of the State that it has complied with the laws of that State governing foreign corporations to the extent required to entitle the company to operate in such State.

(4) A copy of the resolution or bylaws of the corporation authorizing the filing of the application must also be filed.

(5) If the corporation shall have previously filed with the Bureau the papers required by this section, the requirements shall be held to be met if, in making subsequent applications, specific reference is made to such previous filing by date, place, and case number.

(c) *Showing as to citizenship required of individuals; showing by associations of individuals.* (1) An individual applicant applying for a right-of-way under any right-of-way act, except the act of March 3, 1891 (26 Stat. 1101; 43 U.S.C. 946 et seq.), and the act of January 13, 1897 (29 Stat. 484; 43 U.S.C. 952–955), as amended, must state whether he is native born or naturalized, and, if naturalized, the date of naturalization, the court in which naturalized, and the number of the certificate, if known. If citizenship is claimed by virtue of naturalization of the father, evidence of his naturalization, and that the applicant resided in the United States thereafter while a minor, should be furnished. Where the husband and the wife are native born and a statement to that effect is made, additional information as to the marital status is not required. In other cases, a married woman or widow must show the date of her marriage; a widow must show, in addition, the date of the death of her husband.

(2) An application by an association, including a partnership, must be accompanied by a certified copy of the articles of association, if any; if there be none, the application must be made over the signature of each member of the association. Each member must furnish evidence of citizenship where it would be required if he were applying individually.

(d) *Documents which must accompany application*—(1) *Maps.* Each application, other than a reservoir declaratory statement under § 2234.3–2(b)(1), or an appropriation for Federal-aid highway purposes under Title 23, United States Code, section 317, must be accompanied by a map prepared on tracing linen, or on tracing paper having a 100 percent rag content, and three or, in the case of electric transmission lines, five print copies thereof, showing the survey of the right-of-way, properly located with respect to the public land surveys so that said right-of-way may be accurately located on the ground by any competent engineer or land surveyor. The map should comply with the following requirements:

(i) The scale should be 2,000 feet to the inch for rights-of-way for such structures as canals, ditches, pipelines, and transmission lines and 1,000 feet to the inch for rights-of-way for reservoirs, except where a larger scale is required to represent properly the details of the proposed developments, in which case the scales should be 1,000 feet to the inch and 500 feet to the inch, respectively. For electric transmission lines having a nominal voltage of less than 33 kv. map scales may at option of the applicant be 5,280 feet to the inch.

(ii) Courses and distances of the center line of the right-of-way or traverse line of the reservoir should be given; the courses referred to the true meridian either by deflection from a line of known bearing or by independent observation, and the distances in feet and decimals thereof. Station numbers with plus distances at deflection points on the traverse line should be shown.

(iii) The initial and terminal points of the survey should be accurately connected by course and distance to the nearest corner of the public-land surveys, unless that corner is more than 6

miles distant, in which case the connection will be made to some prominent natural object or permanent monument, which can be readily recognized and recovered. The station number and plus distance to the point of intersection with a line of the public-land surveys should be ascertained and noted, together with the course and distance along the section line to the nearest existing corner, at a sufficient number of points throughout the township to permit accurate platting of the relative position of the right-of-way to the public-land survey.

(iv) If the right-of-way is across or within reservation lands which are not covered by the public-land surveys, the map shall be made in terms of the boundary survey of the reservation to the extent it would be required above to be made in terms of the public-land surveys.

(v) All subdivisions of the public-land surveys within the limits of the survey should be shown in their entirety, based upon the official subsisting plats, with the subdivisions, section, township, and range clearly marked.

(vi) The width of the canal, ditch, or lateral at high-water line should be given and the width of all other rights-of-way shall be given. If the width is not uniform, the location and amount of the change in width must be definitely shown. In the case of a pipeline, the diameter of the line should be given. For reservoirs, the capacity in acre-feet, the area within the high-water line, the source of the water supply, and the location and height of the dam must be shown. The total distance of the right-of-way on the Federal lands shall be stated. In the case of a reservoir or other site, the total acreage shall be stated.

(vii) Each copy of the map should bear upon its face a statement of the engineer who made the survey and the certificate of the applicant. The statement and certificate referred to are embodied in Forms 1 and 2 (Appendix B) which are made a part hereof and which should be modified so as to be appropriate to the act invoked and the nature of the project.

(viii) Whenever it is found that a public land survey monument or reservation boundary monument will be destroyed or rendered inaccessible by reason of the proposed development, at least two permanent marked witness monuments should be established at suitable points, preferably on the surveyed lines. A brief description of the witness monuments and the connecting courses and distances to the original corners should be shown.

(2) *Evidence of water right.* If the project involves the storage, diversion, or conveyance of water, the applicant must file a statement of the proper State official, or other evidence, showing that he has a right to the use of the water. Where the State official requires an applicant to obtain a right-of-way as a prerequisite to the issuance of evidence of a water right, if all else be regular, a right-of-way may be granted conditioned only upon the applicant's filing the required evidence of water right from the State official within a specified reasonable time. The conditional right-of-way will terminate at the expiration of the time allowed.

(e) *Indian lands.* The Bureau of Indian Affairs has jurisdiction over applications for rights-of-way over and upon Indian lands. All applications for the use and occupancy of Indian lands for right-of-way purposes should, therefore, be filed with the Superintendent of the Indian Agency or other superintendent in charge of the reservation on which the lands involved are situated, in accordance with the regulations contained in 25 CFR Part 161.

§ 2234.1–3 Nature of interest.

(a) *Nature of interest granted; settlement on right-of-way; rights of ingress and egress.* (1) No interest granted by the regulations in this part shall give the holder thereof any estate of any kind in fee in the lands. The interest granted shall consist of an easement, license, or permit in accordance with the terms of the applicable statute; no interest shall be greater than a permit revocable at the discretion of the authorized officer unless the applicable statute provides otherwise. Unless a specific statute or regulation provides otherwise, no interest granted shall give the grantee any right whatever to take from the public lands or reservations any material, earth, or stone for construction or other purpose, but stone and earth necessarily removed from the right-of-way in the construction of a project may be used elsewhere along the same right-of-way in the construction of the same project.

(2) All persons entering or otherwise appropriating a tract of public land, to part of which a right-of-way has attached under the regulations in this part, take the land subject to such right-of-way and without deduction of the area included in the right-of-way.

(3) In order to facilitate the use of a right-of-way granted or applied for under the regulations of this part, the authorized officer may grant to the holder of or applicant for such right-of-way an additional right-of-way for ingress and egress to the primary right-of-way, including the right to construct, operate, and maintain such facilities as may be necessary for ingress and egress. The holder or applicant may obtain such additional right-of-way only over lands for which the authorized officer has authority to grant a right-of-way of the type represented by the primary right-of-way held or requested by the applicant. He must comply with the same provisions of the regulations applicable

to his primary right-of-way with respect to the form of and place of filing his application for an additional right-of-way, the filing of maps and other information, and the payment of rental charges for the use of the additional right-of-way. He must also present satisfactory evidence that the additional right-of-way is reasonably necessary for the use, operation, or maintenance of the primary right-of-way.

(b) *Commencement of construction work in advance of approval of right-of-way; trespass.* (1) Permission to commence construction work over and through lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior or of its agencies and to use and occupy such lands in advance of the approval of a right-of-way may be granted by the manager upon a satisfactory showing of the necessity for such action and upon a determination, after the request for permission has been cleared by all interested agencies of the Department, that such action is compatible with the public interest. Requests for such advance authority need not meet the formal requirements of § 2234.1–2 (a) to (c) and may be filed with the agency having supervision of the land involved, in which case a duplicate request must be filed in the office specified in § 2234.1–2 (a).

(2) Any grant of advance permission is solely for the convenience of the applicant and is not a commitment by the Department that a right-of-way will be approved. The Department's authority in acting on a right-of-way application is not restricted in any way by the grant of advance permission or any requirements laid down in such grant of permission and the Department may impose additional or different requirements, within the scope of the applicable statute and lawful regulations thereunder, as conditions precedent to the approval of the right-of-way. A grant of advance permission is revocable at will, and the grantee assumes all the risk of operating under such permission.

(3) Any occupancy or use of the lands of the United States without authority will subject the person occupying or using the land to prosecution and liability for trespass.

(c) *Terms and conditions.* An applicant, by accepting a right-of-way, agrees and consents to comply with and be bound by the following terms and conditions, excepting those which the Secretary may waive in a particular case:

(1) To comply with State and Federal laws applicable to the project for which the right-of-way is approved, and to the lands which are included in the right-of-way, and lawful existing regulations thereunder.

(2) To clear and keep clear the lands within the right-of-way to the extent and in the manner directed by the superintendent in charge; and to dispose of all vegetative and other material cut, uprooted, or otherwise accumulated during the construction and maintenance of the project in such manner as to decrease the fire hazard and also in accordance with such instructions as the superintendent in charge may specify.

(3) To take such soil and resource conservation and protection measures, including weed control, on the land covered by the right-of-way as the superintendent in charge of such lands may request.

(4) To do everything reasonably within his power, both independently and on request of any duly authorized representative of the United States, to prevent and suppress fires on or near the lands to be occupied under the right-of-way, including making available such construction and maintenance forces as may be reasonably obtainable for the suppression of such fires.

(5) To build and repair such roads, fences, and trails as may be destroyed or injured by construction work and to build and maintain necessary and suitable crossings for all roads and trails that intersect the works constructed, maintained, or operated under the right-of-way.

(6) To pay the United States the full value for all damages to the lands or other property of the United States caused by him or by his employees, contractors, or employees of the contractors, and to indemnify the United States against any liability for damages to life, person or property arising from the occupancy or use of the lands under the right-of-way, except that where a right-of-way is granted hereunder to a State or other governmental agency which has no legal power to assume such a liability with respect to damages caused by it to lands or property, such agency in lieu thereof agrees to repair all such damages.

(7) To notify promptly the superintendent in charge of the amount of merchantable timber, if any, which will be cut, removed, or destroyed in the construction and maintenance of the project, and to pay the United States through such superintendent in advance of construction such sum of money as such superintendent may determine to be the full stumpage value of the timber to be so cut, removed, or destroyed.

(8) To comply with such other specified conditions, within the scope of the applicable statute and lawful regulations thereunder, with respect to the occupancy and use of the lands as may be found by the agency having supervision of the lands to be necessary as a condition to the approval of the right-of-

way in order to render its use compatible with the public interest.

(9) That upon revocation or termination of the right-of-way, unless the requirement is waived in writing, he shall, so far as it is reasonably possible to do so, restore the land to its original condition to the entire satisfaction of the superintendent in charge.

(10) That he shall at all times keep the manager informed of his address, and, in case of corporations, of the address of its principal place of business and of the names and addresses of its principal officers.

(11) That in the construction, operation, and maintenance of the project, he shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, or national origin and shall require an identical provision to be included in all subcontracts.

(12) That the allowance of the right-of-way shall be subject to the express condition that the exercise thereof will not unduly interfere with the management, administration, or disposal by the United States of the lands affected thereby, and that he agrees and consents to the occupancy and use by the United States, its grantees, permittees, or lessees of any part of the right-of-way not actually occupied or required by the project, or the full and safe utilization thereof, for necessary operations incident to such management, administration, or disposal.

(13) That the right-of-way herein granted shall be subject to the express covenant that it will be modified, adapted, or discontinued if found by the Secretary to be necessary, without liability or expense to the United States, so as not to conflict with the use and occupancy of the land for any authorized works which may be hereafter constructed thereon under the authority of the United States.

(d) *Proposed or existing national forest.* Whenever a right-of-way is sought through or in national forest lands, or any area withdrawn for inclusion within a national forest, the applicant must enter into such stipulations and execute such bond as the Forest Service may require for the protection of such existing or proposed national forest.

(e) *Areas of National Park System.* (1) The act of March 3, 1921 (41 Stat. 1353; 16 U.S.C. 797), provides that no right-of-way for dams, conduits, reservoirs, power houses, transmission lines, or other works for storage or carriage of water, or for the development, transmission, or utilization of power within the limits as then constituted of any national park or monument, shall be approved without specific authority of Congress.

(2) Pursuant to any statute, including those listed in this subpart, applicable to reservation lands administered by the National Park Service, rights-of-way over or through such lands will be issued by the Director of the National Park Service, or his delegate, under the regulations of this subpart.

(3) Whenever a right-of-way is desired through any national park or monument for purposes other than those excepted by the act of March 3, 1921, or not otherwise expressly prohibited by law, the applicant must show to the satisfaction of the Director, National Park Service, that the location and use of the right-of-way for the purposes contemplated will not interfere with the uses and purposes for which the park or monument was originally dedicated, and will not result in damage or injury to the natural conditions of property or scenery existing therein. The applicant must also file such stipulations and bond as may be required by the Director, National Park Service. Ordinarily, such a right-of-way may be allowed only on a showing of absolute necessity.

(f) *Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands.* (1) All applications for rights-of-way for the construction and operation of any project over Oregon and California Railroad lands, title to which was revested in the United States by the act of June 9, 1916 (39 Stat. 218), and reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road lands, act of February 26, 1919 (40 Stat. 1179), must also be accompanied by a statement showing the amount of merchantable timber, if any, to be cut, removed, or destroyed in the construction of the project works, and agreeing to deposit with the Bureau, in advance of construction, such sum of money as may be determined to be the full stumpage value of the timber to be so cut, removed, or destroyed, and an affirmative showing that favorable action on the application will not adversely affect or impair watershed protection, streamflow regulation, and other conservation features enumerated in the act of August 28, 1937 (50 Stat. 874).

(2) The general right-of-way statutes were extended to these lands by sec. 2 of the act of June 9, 1916 (39 Stat. 218), and sec. 3 of the act of February 26, 1919 (40 Stat. 1179).

§ 2234.1–4 Approval of right-of-way.

(a) *Completed application and reports.* (1) Where an application is complete and in conformity with the law and regulations and all required reports have been obtained and it is determined that the approval of the right-of-way will not be contrary to the public interest, including that of the Government, the manager will approve the right-of-way.

(2) An application which does not conform with the law or regulations under which filed or the approval of which would be inconsistent with the public or Government interest, will be rejected.

(3) Where the land over which the right-of-way is sought is withdrawn or reserved for the use of another Federal agency, the manager is required to clear the application with such agency.

(b) *Use of right-of-way.* (1) *Proof of construction.* A period of 5 years from the date of the approval of the right-of-way is usually allowed for construction unless a different period is provided by statute. Upon completion of construction, proof thereof should be submitted to the manager, consisting of a statement and certificate furnished by the holder of the right-of-way. The statement and certificate are embodied in Forms 5 and 6, Appendix B, which should be modified so as to be appropriate to the act and to the nature of the project. If, in construction, a substantial deviation from the location shown on the original map is planned or made, the party in interest must file a duly executed relinquishment of the unused portion of the right-of-way accompanied by a map of amended location of the right-of-way for the project as actually constructed. The map of amended location must be prepared in accordance with § 2234.1–2(d)(1) and must be filed before or as soon as possible after the deviation is made. The relinquishment may be prepared so as to become effective upon approval of the amended location. Any deviation made prior to such approval will be at the risk of the applicant.

(2) *Nonconstruction, abandonment or nonuse.* Unless otherwise provided by law, rights-of-way are subject to cancellation by the authorized officer for failure to construct within the period allowed and for abandonment or nonuse.

§ 2234.1–5 Revocation or cancellation.

(a) *Order of cancellation.* All rights-of-way approved pursuant to this part, except those granted for pipelines pursuant to section 28 of the act of February 25, 1920, as amended August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 678; 30 U.S.C. 185), shall be subject to cancellation for the violation of any of the provisions of this part applicable thereto or for the violation of the terms or conditions of the right-of-way. No right-of-way shall be deemed to be canceled except on the issuance of a specific order of cancellation.

(b) *Change in jurisdiction over or disposal of lands.* (1) A change of jurisdiction over the lands from one Federal agency to another will not cancel a right-of-way involving such lands. It will, however, change the administrative jurisdiction over the right-of-way.

(2) The final disposal by the United States of any tract traversed by a right-of-way shall not be construed to be a revocation of the right-of-way in whole or part, but such final disposition shall be deemed and taken to be subject to such right-of-way until it is specifically canceled.

(c) *Transfer of right-of-way.* (1) Any proposed transfer, by assignment, lease, operating agreement or otherwise, of a right-of-way acquired under any of the acts, except the act of March 3, 1891 (26 Stat. 1101; 43 U.S.C. 946–949), must be filed in triplicate in accordance with § 2234.1–2(a) for approval; must be accompanied by the same showing of qualifications of the assignee as is required of applicants; and must be supported by a stipulation that the assignee agrees to comply with and be bound by the terms and conditions of the right-of-way. No assignment will be recognized unless and until approved.

(2) All filings of transfers, by assignment, lease, operating agreement, or otherwise, made pursuant to this section, except by States or agencies or instrumentalities thereof, must be accompanied by an application service fee of $10 which will not be returnable.

(d) *Disposal of property on termination of right-of-way.* Upon the termination of a right-of-way by expiration or by prior cancellation, in the absence of any agreement to the contrary, if all moneys due the Government thereunder have been paid, the holder of the right-of-way will be allowed six months or such additional time as may be granted in which to remove from the right-of-way all property or improvements of any kind, other than a road and usable improvements to a road, placed thereon by him; but if not removed within the time allowed, all such property and improvements shall become the property of the United States.

§ 2234.1–6 Payment required; exceptions; default; revision of charges.

(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, the charge for use and occupancy of lands under the regulations of this part will be the fair market value of the permit, right-of-way, or easement, as determined by appraisal by the authorized officer. Periodic payments or a lump-sum payment, both payable in advance, will be required at the discretion of such officer: (1) When periodic payments are required, the applicant will be required to make the first payment before the permit, right-of-way, or easement will be issued; (2) upon the voluntary relinquishment of such an instrument before the expiration of its term, any payment made for any unexpired portion of the term will be returned to the payer upon a proper application for repayment to the extent that the amount paid covers a full permit, right-of-way, or easement year or years after the formal relinquishment: *Provided,* That the total rental received and retained by the Government for that permit, right-of-way, or easement, shall not be less than $25. The amount to be so returned will be the difference between the total payments made and the value of the expired portion of the term calculated on the same basis as the original payments.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, the charge for use and occupancy of lands under the regulations of this part shall not be less than $25 per five-year period for any permit, right-of-way, or easement issued.

(c) No charge will be made for the use and occupancy of lands under the regulations of this part:

(1) Where the use and occupancy are exclusively for irrigation projects, municipally operated projects, or nonprofit or Rural Electrification Administration projects, or where the use is by a Federal governmental agency.

(2) Where the permit, right-of-way, or easement is granted under the regulations in §§ 2234.2–2, 2234.2–4, 2234.2–5, 2234.3–1, and 2234.3–2.

(d) If a charge required by this section is not paid when due, and such default shall continue for 30 days after notice, action may be taken to cancel the permit, right-of-way or easement. After default has occurred, no structures, buildings, or other equipment may be removed from the servient lands except upon written permission first obtained from the authorized officer.

(e) At any time not less than five years after either the grant of the permit, right-of-way, or easement or the last revision of charges thereunder, the authorized officer, after reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing, may review such charges and impose such new charges as may be reasonable and proper commencing with the ensuing charge year.

(f) The provisions of this section shall not have the effect of changing, modifying, or amending the rental rates or charges imposed for existing water power projects under rights-of-way previously approved by this Department.

§ 2234.2 For roads, railroads, station grounds, wagon roads and tramways.

§ 2234.2–1 For railroads, wagon roads and tramways in Alaska.

(a) *General statement.* (1) The rights-of-way for railroads, wagon roads, and tramways in the State of Alaska, granted by sections 2 to 9, inclusive, of the act of May 14, 1898 (30 Stat. 409; 48 U.S.C. 411–419) does not convey an estate in fee in the lands used for such purposes or in the lands used for station and terminal facilities. The grant is merely of a right of use for the necessary and legitimate purposes of the roads, the fee remaining in the United States, except as to lands authorized to be sold under section 6 by the Secretary of the Interior, "upon such expressed conditions as in his judgment may be necessary to protect the public interests." The nature of these conditions will depend upon the public necessities and will be governed by the particular circumstances of each case. These sections authorize the Secretary of the Interior to approve maps and plats affecting unsurveyed as well as surveyed land, and while it is not obligatory on the part of grantees to file additional maps and plats after survey of the lands, showing connections with the public surveys, and the smallest legal subdivisions of all lands affected, by so doing the grants and the extent thereof could be properly recorded on the records of the Bureau of Land Management and readily determined.

(2) All persons entering public lands, to part of which a right-of-way has attached, take the same subject to such right-of-way, the latter being computed as a part of the area of the tract entered.

(3) Whenever any right-of-way shall pass over private land or possessory claims on lands of the United States, condemnations of the right-of-way across the same may be made in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of the said act of May 14, 1898.

(b) *Applications by individuals, associations or corporations*—(1) *Incorporated companies.* (i) Any incorporated company desiring to obtain the benefits of this part is required to file the following papers and maps:

(*a*) A copy of its articles of incorporation duly certified to by the proper officer of the company under its corporate seal, or by the secretary of the State where organized.

(*b*) A copy of the State law under which the company was organized, with the certificate of the governor or secretary of the State that the same is the existing law.

(*c*) When said law directs that the articles of association or other papers connected with the organization be filed with any State or Territorial officer, the certificate of such officer that the same have been filed according to law, with the date of the filing thereof.

(*d*) A certificate from the Secretary of the State of Alaska showing that the Company has complied with the State law.

(*e*) The official statement, under seal of the proper officer, that the organization has been completed; that the company is fully authorized to proceed with the construction of the road according to the existing law of the State or Territory where organized. (Form 1, Appendix C).

(*f*) A certificate by the president, under the seal of the company, showing the names and designations of its officers at the date of the filing of the proofs. (Form 2, Appendix C).

(*g*) If certified copies of the existing laws regarding such corporations, and of new laws as passed from time to time, be forwarded to the Bureau of Land Management by the governor or secretary of any State, a company organized in such State or Territory may file, in lieu of the requirements of subdivision *b* of this paragraph, a certificate of the governor or Secretary of the State that no change has been made since a given date, not later than that of the laws last forwarded.

(*h*) Maps, field notes, and other papers as hereinafter required.

(ii) No forms are prescribed for the proofs required in subdivision (1) (*a*)–(*d*) as each case must be governed to some extent by the laws of the State.

(iii) For forms 1 to 8, inclusive, referred to under this section, see Appendix C of this subchapter.

(2) *Individuals or associations of individuals.* Individuals or associations of individuals making applications for permits, under section 6 of the act (30 Stat. 411; 48 U.S.C. 416), for tramways or wagon roads are required to file evidence of citizenship. In the case of associations a statement must be filed by the principal officer thereof, giving a list of its members and stating that the list includes all the members. Evidence of citizenship must be furnished for each member of the association. Individuals and associations will also be required to file the maps, field notes, and other papers hereinafter required.

(c) *Maps and plats*—(1) *Preparation of maps and plats.* All maps and plats must be drawn on tracing linen, in duplicate, and must be strictly conformable to the field notes of the survey thereof, wherever such surveys have been made. The word "profile" as used in the act is understood to intend a map of alignment. No profile of grades will be required.

(2) *Data required on maps.* (i) The maps should show any other road crossed or with which connection is made, and whenever possible the station number on the survey thereof at the point of intersection. All such intersecting roads must be represented in ink of a different color from that used for the line for which the applicant asks right-of-way. Field notes of the surveys should be written along the line on the map. If the map should be too much crowded to be easily read, then duplicate field notes should be filed separate from the map, and in such form that they may be folded for filing. In such case it will be necessary to place on the map only a sufficient number of station numbers to make it convenient to follow the field notes on the map. Station numbers should also be given on the map in all cases where changes of numbering occur and where known lines of survey, public or otherwise, are crossed, with distance to the nearest permanent monument or other mark on such line. The map must also show the lines of reference of initial, terminal, and intermediate points, with their courses and distances.

(ii) When the lines are located on surveyed land, the maps must show the 40-acre subdivisions; when on unsurveyed land, a meridian should be drawn on maps through initial and terminal points and at intervals of not more than 6 miles, intermediate points.

(d) *Application requirements*—(1) *Data required in field notes; instructions as to surveys.* Typewritten field notes, with clear carbon copies, are preferred, as they expedite the examination of applications. All monuments and other marks with which connections are made should be fully described, so that they may be easily found. The field notes must be so complete that the line may be retraced on the ground. On account of the conditions existing in Alaska surveys based wholly on the magnetic needle will not be accepted. In that case a true meridian should be established, as accurately as possible, at the initial point. It should be permanently marked and fully described. The survey should be based thereon and checked by a meridian similarly fixed at the terminal point and, when the line is a long one, by intermediate meridians at proper intervals. On account of the rapid convergence of the meridians in these latitudes such intermediate meridians should be established at such intervals as to avoid large discrepancies in bearings. It will probably be found preferable to run by transit deflections from a permanently established line, with frequent and readily recoverable reference lines permanently marked; and in such surveys occasional true bearings should be stated, at least approximately. On all lines of railroad the 10-mile sections should be indicated and numbered, and on maps of tramways and wagon roads the 5-mile sections shall likewise be indicated and numbered.

(2) *Filing of papers.* The maps, field notes, and accompanying papers should be filed in the land office for the district where the proposed right of way is located.

(3) *Connections with other surveys.* Connections should be made with other surveys, public or private, whenever possible; also with mineral monuments and other known and established marks. When a sufficient number of such points are not available to make such connections at least every 6 miles, the surveyor must make connection with natural objects or permanent monuments.

(4) *Permanent monuments or marks.* Along the line of survey, at least once in every mile, permanent and easily recoverable monuments or marks must be set and connected therewith, in such positions that the construction of the road will not interfere with them. The locations thereof must be indicated on the maps. All reference points must be fully described in the field notes, so that they may be relocated, and the exact point used for reference indicated.

(5) *Designation of termini.* The termini of a line of road should be fixed by reference of course and distance to a permanent monument or other definite mark. The initial point of the survey and of station, terminal, and junction

grounds should be similarly referred. The maps, field notes, engineer's certificate, and applicant's certificate (Forms 3 and 4, Appendix C), should each show these connections.

(6) *Statement and certificates required.* The engineer's certificate and applicant's certificate must be written on the map, and must both designate by termini (as in the preceding subparagraph) and length in miles and decimals the line of route for which right of way application is made. (See Forms 3 and 4, Appendix C.) Station, terminal, or junction grounds must be described by initial point (as in the preceding subparagraph) and area in acres (Forms 7 and 8, Appendix C) when they are located on surveyed land, and the smallest legal subdivision in which they are located should be stated. No changes or additions are allowable in the substance of any forms, except when the essential facts differ from those assumed therein. When the applicant is an individual the word "applicant" should be used instead of "company," and such other changes made as are necessary on this account.

(7) *Additional width for right-of-way.* Where additional width is desired for railroad right-of-way on account of heavy cuts or fills, the additional right-of-way desired should be stated, the reason therefor fully shown, the limits of the additional right-of-way exactly designated, and any other information furnished that may be necessary to enable the manager to consider the case before giving it his approval.

(8) *Preliminary map and field notes.* The preliminary map authorized by the proviso of section 4 of the act will not be required to comply so strictly with the foregoing instructions as maps of definite location; but it is to be observed that they must be based upon an actual survey, and that the more fully they comply with § 2234.2–1 the better they will serve their object, which is to indicate the lands to be crossed by the final line and to preserve the company's prior right until the approval of its maps of definite location. Unless the preliminary map and field notes are such that the line of survey can be retraced from them on the ground, they will be valueless for the purpose of preserving the company's rights. The preliminary map and field notes should be in duplicate, and should be filed in the land office in order that proper notations may be made on the records as notice to intending settlers and subsequent applicants for the right of way.

(9) *Scale of maps.* The scale of maps showing the line of route should be 2,000 feet to an inch. The maps may, however, be drawn to a scale of 1,000 feet to an inch when necessary, or, in extreme cases, to 500 feet to an inch. No other scales must be used and should be so selected as to avoid making maps inconveniently large for handling. In most cases, by furnishing separate field notes, an increase of scale can be avoided. Plats of station, terminal, and junction grounds, etc., should be drawn on a scale of 500 feet to an inch, and must be filed separately from the line of route. Such plats should show enough of the line of route to indicate the position of the tract with reference thereto.

(10) *Plats of station, terminal, and junction grounds.* Plats of station, terminal, and junction grounds must be prepared in accordance with the direction for maps of lines of routes. Whenever they are located on or near navigable waters the shore line must be shown, and also the boundaries of any other railroad grounds or other claims located on or near navigable waters within a distance of 80 rods from any point of the tract applied for.

(11) *Showing required in application.* (i) All applications for permits made under section 6 of the act should state whether it is proposed to collect toll on the proposed wagon road or tramway; and, in case of wagon roads, the application must be accompanied by satisfactory evidence, corroborated by a statement, tending to show that the public convenience requires the construction of the proposed road, and that the expense of making the same available and convenient for public travel will not be less, on an average, than $500 per mile. In all cases, if the proposed line of road shall be located over any road or trail in common use for public travel, a satisfactory statement, corroborated by statement, must be submitted with the application, showing that the interests of the public will not be injuriously affected thereby.

(ii) All applications must be accompanied by an application service fee of $10 which will not be returnable.

(e) *Evidence of construction*—(1) *Statement and certificates required when road is constructed.* When the road is constructed a certificate of the engineer and a certificate of the applicant (Forms 5 and 6, Appendix C) should be filed in the proper land office in duplicate. In case of deviations from the map previously approved, whether before or after construction, there must be filed new maps and field notes in full, as in this part provided, bearing proper forms, changed to agree with the facts in the case, and the location must be described in the forms as the amended survey and the amended definite location. In such cases, the applicant must file a relinquishment, under seal, of all rights under the former approval as to the portions amended, said relinquishment to take effect when the map of amended definite location is approved by the manager.

(2) *Action where required evidence is not filed.* Unless the proper evidence of construction is filed within the time prescribed by the act for the construction of each section of the road, appropriate steps will be taken looking to the cancellation of the approval of the right of way and the notations thereof on the records.

(f) *Charges for transportation of passengers and freight.* (1) In the case of a wagon road or tramway built under permit issued under section 6 of the act upon which it is proposed to collect toll, a printed schedule of the rates for freight and passengers should also be filed with the manager for his consideration and approval at least 60 days before the road is to be opened to traffic, in order to allow a sufficient time for consideration, inasmuch as by section 6 it is made a misdemeanor to collect toll without written authority from the Secretary of the Interior. In the case of a wagon road satisfactory evidence, corroborated, must be submitted with said schedule, showing that at least an average of $500 per mile has been actually expended in constructing such road. These schedules must be submitted in duplicate, one copy of which, bearing the approval of the manager, will be returned to the applicant if found satisfactory. Said schedules shall be plainly printed in large type.

(2) Schedules of passenger and freight rates on railroads should be filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission.

§ 2234.2–2 For railroads and station grounds outside of Alaska.

(a) *Authority.* The act approved March 3, 1875 (18 Stat. 482; 43 U.S.C. 934–939) grants rights-of-way to railroad companies through the public lands of the United States, for railroad and station ground purposes, and the act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1233; 16 U.S.C. 525) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to approve surveys and plats of such rights-of-way "over and across any forest reservation or reservoir site when in his judgment the public interest would not be injuriously affected thereby."

(b) *Nature of grant.* A railroad company to which a right-of-way is granted does not secure a full and complete title to the land on which the right-of-way is located. It obtains only the right to use the land for the purposes for which it is granted and for no other purpose, and may hold such possession, if it is necessary to that use, as long and only as long as that use continues. The Government conveys the fee simple title in the land over which the right-of-way is granted to the person to whom patent issues for the legal subdivision on which the right-of-way is located, and such patentee takes the fee subject only to the railroad company's right of use and possession. All persons settling on a tract of public land, to part of which right-of-way has attached, take the same subject to such right-of-way, and at the total area of the subdivision entered, there being no authority to make deduction in such cases. If a settler has a valid claim to land existing at the date of the filing of the map of definite location, his right is superior, and he is entitled to such reasonable measure of damages for right-of-way as may be determined upon by agreement or in the courts, the question being one that does not fall within the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior.

(c) *Location*—(1) *National forest.* When a right-of-way is located within a national forest the applicant must enter into such stipulation and execute such bond as the Forest Service may require for the protection of such national forest.

(2) *Proposed national forest; construction through forests.* (i) When a right-of-way is located within a proposed national forest the applicant must file such stipulation and execute such bond as may be required for the protection of such proposed forest.

(ii) No construction will be allowed in a national forest or a proposed national forest until an application for right-of-way has been regularly filed in accordance with the laws of the United States and has been approved, or has been considered by the Department of the Interior, and permission for such construction has been specifically given.

(iii) All rights-of-way applications for railroads and station grounds within national forests must be accompanied by a service fee of $10 which will not be returnable.

(3) *Private lands and possessory claims.* Whenever any right-of-way shall pass over private land or possessory claims on lands of the United States, condemnation of the right-of-way across the same may be made in accordance with the provisions of section 3 of the act of March 3, 1875 (18 Stat. 482; 43 U.S.C. 936), or the right can be purchased as provided by section 2288 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of the act of March 3, 1891 (26 Stat. 1097; 43 U.S.C. 174).

(d) *Material to be filed.* (1) Any railroad company desiring to obtain the benefits of the law is required to file with the manager of the land office for the district in which the principal terminus of the road is to be located:

(i) A copy of its articles of incorporation, duly certified to by the proper officer of the company under its corporate seal, or by the secretary of the State or Territory where organized.

(ii) A citation of the law of the State or Territory under which the company was organized, and any amendments thereof.

(iii) If the law directs that the articles of incorporation or other papers connected with the organization be filed with any State or Territory officer, there must be submitted the certificate of such officer that the same have been filed according to law, and giving the date of the filing thereof.

(iv) When a company is operating in a State other than the State or Territory in which it is incorporated it must submit the certificate of the proper officer of the State that it has complied with the laws of that State governing foreign corporations to the extent required to entitle the company to operate in such State.

(v) The official statement, by the proper officer, under the seal of the company, that the organization has been completed, that the company is fully authorized to proceed with the construction of the road according to the existing law of the State or Territory in which it is incorporated. (Form 1, Appendix A.)

(vi) A certificate by the president, under the seal of the company, showing the names and designations of its officers at the date of the filing of the proofs. (Form 2, Appendix A.)

(2) No forms are prescribed for the proofs required in subparagraph (1)(i)-(iv) of this paragraph, as each case must be governed to some extent by the laws of the State or Territory.

(e) *Maps*—(1) *Maps of alignment.* (i) The word profile as used in this act is understood to intend a map of alignment. All such maps and plats of station grounds are required by the act to be filed with the manager of the land office for the district where the right-of-way is located; but if the right-of-way is located in more than one district, duplicate maps and field notes need be filed in but one district, and single sets in the others. The maps must be drawn on tracing linen, in duplicate, and must be strictly conformable to the field notes of the survey of the line of route or of the station grounds.

(ii) The maps should show any other road crossed, or with which connection is made, and whenever possible the station number on the survey therof at the point of intersection. All such intersecting roads must be represented in ink of a different color from that used for the line for which applicant asks right-of-way. Field notes of the surveys should be written along the line on the map. If the map would thereby be too much crowded to be easily read, then duplicate field notes should be filed separate from the map. In such case it will be necessary to place on the map only a sufficient number of station numbers to make it convenient to follow the field notes on the map. In all cases station numbers should be given on the map where changes of numbering occur and where the lines of the public surveys are crossed, with distances to the nearest existing corner. The map must also show the lines of reference of initial and terminal points, with their courses and distances.

(2) *Field notes.* Typewritten field notes, with clear carbon copies, are preferred whenever separate field notes are necessary, as they expedite the examination of applications. The field notes, whether given on the map or filed separately, must be so complete that the line may be retraced from them on the ground. They should show whether lines were run on true or magnetic bearings, and if run on magnetic bearings the variation of the needle and date of determination must be stated. One or more bearings (or angular connections with public-survey lines) must be given. The 10-mile sections must be indicated and numbered on all lines of road submitted.

(3) *Scale of maps.* The scale of maps showing the line of route should be 2,000 feet to the inch ordinarily, but when absolutely necessary the scale may be increased to 1,000 feet to the inch. These scales are fixed so that maps may be readily handled and filed. In most cases, by furnishing separate field notes an increase of scale may be avoided. Plats of station grounds should be drawn on a scale of 500 feet to the inch, and must be filed separately from the map of the line of route. Such plats should show enough of the line of route to indicate the position of the tract with reference thereto.

(4) *Public-land subdivisions.* All subdivisions of the public surveys represented on the map should have their entire boundaries drawn, and all lands affected by the right-of-way the smallest legal subdivisions (40-acre tracts and lots) must be shown.

(5) *Termini of road.* The termini of the line of road should be fixed by reference of course and distance to the nearest existing corner of the public survey. The map, field notes, engineer's statement, and president's certificate (Forms 3 and 4, Appendix A), should each show these connections. The company must certify in Form 4 that the road is to be operated as a common carrier of passengers and freight. A tract for station grounds must be similarly referenced and described on the plat and in Forms 7 and 8 (Appendix A), except when the tract conforms to the subdivisions of the public survey, in which case it may be described in the forms according to the subdivisions.

(6) *Connections on unsurveyed lands.* When either terminal of the line of route is upon unsurveyed land it must

be connected by traverse with an established corner of the public survey, if not more than 6 miles distant and the single bearing and distance from the terminal point to the corner must be computed and noted on the map in the engineer's statement, and in the president's certificate (Forms 3 and 4, Appendix A). The notes and all data for the computation of the traverse must be given.

(7) *Connections with monuments on unsurveyed land.* When an established corner of the public survey is more than 6 miles distant this connection will be made with a natural object or a permanent monument which can be readily found and recognized, and which will fix and perpetuate the position of the terminal point. The map must show the position of such mark and must give the course and distance to the terminus. There must be given an accurate description of the mark and full data of the traverse, as required above. The engineer's statement and president's certificate (Forms 3 and 4, Appendix A), must state the connections. These monuments are of great importance.

(8) *Surveyed and unsurveyed land.* (i) When the line of route lies partly on unsurveyed land, each portion lying within surveyed and unsurveyed land will be separately stated in Forms 3 and 4 (Appendix A) by connection of termini and length, as though each portion were independent.

(ii) When lands desired for station grounds lie partly on unsurveyed land, the areas of the several parts on surveyed and unsurveyed land must be separately stated on the map and in Forms 7 and 8 (Appendix A).

(iii) Lines of route or station grounds lying partly upon unsurveyed land can be approved if the application and accompanying maps and papers conform to the regulations in this part, but the approval will only relate to that portion traversing the surveyed lands.

(9) *Unsurveyed land.* Maps of lines of route or plats of station grounds lying wholly on unsurveyed lands may be received and placed on file in the land office of the district in which the same is situated, for general information, and the date of filing will be noted thereon; but the same will not be approved as the act makes no provision for the approval of any but maps showing the location in connection with the public surveys. The filing of such maps or plats will not dispense with the filing of maps or plats after the survey of the lands and within the time limited in the act granting the right-of-way. If these maps or plats are in all respects regular when filed, they will receive approval. In filing such maps or plats the initial and terminal points will be fixed as indicated in paragraph (e) (6) and (7) of this section.

(10) *Connections with public survey corners.* Whenever the line of survey crosses a township or section line of the public survey, the distance to the nearest existing corner should be ascertained and noted. The map or plat should show these distances and the station numbers at the points of intersection. When field notes are submitted, they should also contain these distances and station numbers.

(11) *Statement and certificate required.* The engineer's statement and president's certificate must be written on the map, and must both designate by termini and length, in miles and decimals, the line of route for which right-of-way application is made. (See Forms 3 and 4, Appendix A.) Station grounds must be described by initial point and area in acres (see Forms 7 and 8, Appendix A), and when they are on surveyed land the smallest legal subdivision in which they are located should be stated. No changes or additions are allowable in the substance of any forms, except when the essential facts differ from those assumed therein.

(12) *Spurs or branch lines.* Where right-of-way is desired for spurs or short branch lines which will not greatly enlarge the size of the map, they may be shown on the same map with the main line, and should be separately described in the forms by termini and length. For longer branch lines separate maps should be filed.

(13) *Notations on maps and records.* When maps are filed, the manager will note on each the name of the land office and the date of filing, over his written signature. Notations will also be made on the records of the land office, as to each unpatented tract affected, that application for right-of-way is pending, giving date of filing and name of applicant. The manager will certify on each map, over his written signature, that unpatented land is affected by the proposed right-of-way. The maps and field notes will be approved by the manager in duplicate. Any valid right existing at the date of the filing of the right-of-way application will not be affected by the filing or approval thereof. If no unpatented land is involved in the application the manager will reject it, allowing the usual right of appeal.

(f) *Evidence of construction.* When the railroad is constructed, a statement of the engineer and certificate of the president (Forms 5 and 6, Appendix A) must be filed in the land office, in duplicate. No new map will be required, except in case of deviations from the right-of-way previously approved, whether before or after construction, when there must be filed new maps and field notes in full, as herein provided, bearing proper forms, changed to agree with the facts in the case. The map

must show clearly the portions amended, or bear a statement describing them, and the location must be described in the forms as the amended survey and the amended definite location. In such cases the company must file a relinquishment, under seal, of all rights under the former approval as to the portions amended, said relinquishment to take effect when the map of amended definite location is approved by the manager.

§ 2234.2–3 For tramroads and logging roads.

(a) *Over public lands generally*—(1) *Authority.* (i) The act of January 21, 1895 (28 Stat. 635; 43 U.S.C. 956), authorizes the Secretary under such general regulations as may be fixed by him to permit the use of rights-of-way over the public lands of the United States, for tramroads to the extent of 50 feet on each side of the center line of the tramroad, by any citizen or association of citizens of the United States, engaged in the business of mining, quarrying, or of cutting timber and manufacturing lumber. The act does not authorize the use of rights-of-way within the limits of any park or military reservation. The act is made applicable to national forests and reservoir sites by the act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1233; 16 U.S.C. 525; 43 U.S.C. 665, 958). Where the authorized officer determines it to be in the public interest, he will require applicants under this section to execute the same type of right-of-way and road use agreements for the connecting road system as may be required under paragraph b of this section with appropriate modifications to meet local conditions: *Provided,* That where the land over which the right-of-way is requested under the jurisdiction of an agency other than the Bureau of Land Management, such requirement shall be made only with the concurrence of the authorized officer of such agency. The authorized officer may require an applicant for or holder of a tramroad right-of-way to execute a bond on a form provided by the Director, modified to refer to the applicable sections of this part, in an amount, not less than $500 per mile or fraction thereof, to be determined by the authorized officer conditioned on compliance with §§ 2234.1–1 to 2234.1–5 and subparagraph (1) and (2) of this paragraph. The arbitration procedures involved in the stipulations shall be in accordance with State law, if any is applicable. In the absence of applicable State law, controversies involving arbitration shall be arbitrated in accordance with the rules then obtaining of the American Arbitration Association.

(ii) In the opinion of July 16, 1942 (68 T.D. 29), the Solicitor of the Department of the Interior held that the act of February 15, 1901, (31 Stat. 790; 43 U.S.C. 959), superseded the part of the 1895 act authorizing rights-of-way for canals and reservoirs.

(2) *Tramroads defined; special provisions for temporary rights-of-way.* (i) Tramroads are considered as including tramways, railroads, and motor-truck roads to be used in connection with mining, quarrying, logging, and the manufacturing of lumber.

(ii) An application pursuant to subparagraph (1) of this paragraph and this section for a temporary right-of-way to be used for a period of not more than six months may be filed with the officer in charge of any local office of the Bureau of Land Management having jurisdiction over the lands. No special form for such an application is required but it should state whether the applicant or applicants are citizens of the United States and if a corporation, whether it is qualified under State law to acquire the right-of-way applied for and be accompanied by three copies of a map or sketch which shows the location of the right-of-way with a degree of accuracy sufficient for its position on the ground in relation to the lines and corners of the public land surveys or in relation to some prominent topographic feature, to be readily determined. Such a map or sketch or statement as to citizenship or qualification may be accepted as the basis for a permit for a temporary right-of-way even though it does not meet the requirements of other regulations in this part, if in the opinion of the authorized officer it would be in the public interest to do so. Within the discretion of the issuing officer, the holder of a temporary permit may be granted a single extension of the permit for a period of not more than six months. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 2234.1–6 the charge for use and occupancy of public lands for such temporary rights-of-way shall be at the rate of 50 cents per mile or fraction thereof per month or fraction thereof, with a minimum rental charge of $5 per right-of-way: *Provided,* That no rental charge shall be made for the use and occupancy of public lands for such temporary rights-of-way to be used for the purpose of removing mine or quarry products, timber, or timber products which have been acquired from the United States under contract or permit.

(b) *Over O. and C. and Coos Bay revested lands*—(1) *Authority.* (i) The act of January 21, 1895 (28 Stat. 635, 43 U.S.C. 956) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior under such regulations as may be fixed by him to permit the use of rights-of-way over the public lands of the United States, for tramroads to the extent of 50 feet on each side of the center line of the tramroad, by any citizen or association of citizens of the United States, engaged in the business of mining, or quarrying or of cutting timber and manufacturing timber. The act of January 21, 1895, is made applicable to the Revested Oregon and California Railroad and the Reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road Grant Lands by

the acts of June 9, 1916 (39 Stat. 218) and February 26, 1919 (40 Stat. 1179), respectively.

(ii) The act of August 28, 1937 (50 Stat. 874) provides for the conservation and management of the O. and C. lands and authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to make rules and regulations in furtherance of such purposes.

(2) *Statement of policy.* (i) The intermingled character of the O. and C. lands presents peculiar problems of management which require for their solution the cooperation between the Federal Government and the owners of the intermingled lands, particularly with respect to timber roads.

(ii) It is well established that the value of standing timber is determined in significant part by the cost of transporting the logs to the mill. Where there is an existing road which is adequate or can readily be made adequate for the removal of timber in the area, the failure to make such road available for access to all the mature and overmature timber it could tap leads to economic waste. Blocks of timber which are insufficient in volume or value to support the construction of a duplicating road may be left in the woods for lack of access over the existing road. Moreover, the duplication of an existing road reduces the value of the federal and other timber which is tapped by the existing road.

(iii) It is also clear that the Department of the Interior, which is responsible for the conservation of the resources of the O. and C. lands and is charged specifically with operating the timber lands on a sustained-yield basis, must have access to these lands for the purpose of managing them and their resources. In addition, where the public interest requires the disposition of federal timber by competitive bidding, prospective bidders must have an opportunity to reach the timber to be sold. Likewise, where other timber is committed by cooperative agreement to coordinated administration with timber of the United States, there must be access to both.

(iv) Accordingly, to the extent that in the judgment of the authorized officer it appears necessary to accomplish these purposes, when the United States, acting through the Bureau of Land Management, grants a right-of-way across O. and C. lands to a private operator, the private operator will be required to grant to the United States for use by it and its licensees (*a*) rights-of-way across lands controlled directly or indirectly by him; (*b*) the right to use, to the extent indicated in subparagraphs (8) and (9) of this paragraph, any portions of the road system or rights-of-way controlled directly or indirectly by the private operator which is adequate or can economically be made adequate to accommodate the probable normal requirements of both the operator and of the United States and its licensees, and which form an integral part of or may be added to the road system with which the requested right-of-way will connect; (*c*) the right to extend such road system across the operator's lands to reach federal roads or timber; and (*d*) in addition, in the limited circumstances set forth in subparagraph (7)(ii) of this paragraph the right to use certain other roads and rights-of-way. The permit will describe by legal subdivisions the lands of the operator as to which the United States receives rights. In addition, the extent and duration of the rights received by the United States will be specifically stated in the permit and ordinarily will embrace only those portions of such road system, rights-of-way and lands as may be actually needed for the management and removal of federal timber, or other timber committed by a cooperative agreement to coordinated administration with timber of the United States.

(v) When the United States or a licensee of the United States uses any portion of a permittee's road system for the removal of forest products, the permittee will be entitled to receive just compensation, including a fair share of the maintenance and amortization charges attributable to such road, and to prescribe reasonable road operating rules, in accordance with subparagraphs (10) to (14) of this paragraph.

(vi) As some examples of how this policy would be applied in particular instances, the United States may issue a permit under paragraph (b) without requesting any rights with respect to roads, rights-of-way or lands which the authorized officer finds will not be required for management of or access to federal timber, or timber included in a cooperative agreement. Where, however, the authorized officer finds that there is a road controlled directly or indirectly by the applicant, which will be needed for such purposes and which he finds either has capacity to accommodate the probable normal requirements both of the applicant and of the Government and its licensees, or such additional capacity can be most economically provided by an investment in such road system by the Government rather than by the construction of a duplicate road, he may require, for the period of time during which the United States and its licensees will have need for the road, the rights to use the road for the marketing and management of its timber and of timber included in a cooperative agreement in return for the granting of rights-of-way across O. and C. lands, and an agreement that the road builder will be paid a fair share of the cost of the road and its maintenance. Where it appears to the authorized officer that such a road will not be adequate or

cannot economically be enlarged to handle the probable normal requirements both of the private operator and of the United States and its licensees, or even where the authorized officer has reasonable doubt as to such capacity, he will not request rights over such a road. Instead, the Bureau will make provision for its own road system either by providing in its timber sale contracts that in return for the road cost allowance made in fixing the appraised value of the timber, timber purchasers will construct or extend a different road system, or by expending for such construction or by extension monies appropriated for such purposes by the Congress, or, where feasible, by using an existing duplicating road over which the Government has obtained road rights. In such circumstances, however, road cost and maintenance allowances made in the stumpage price of O. and C. timber will be required to be applied to the road which the Bureau has the right to use, and thereafter will not in any circumstances be available for amortization or maintenance costs of the applicant's road.

(vii) When a right-of-way permit is issued for a road or road system over which the United States obtains rights of use for itself and its licensees, the authorized officer will seek to agree with the applicant respecting such matters as the time, route, and specifications for the future development of the road system involved; the portion of the capital and maintenance costs of the road system to be borne by the timber to be transported over the road system by the United States and its licensees; a formula for determining the proportion of the capacity of the road system which is to be available to the United States and its licensees for the transportation of forest products; and other similar matters respecting the use of the road by the United States and its licensees and the compensation payable therefor. To the extent that any such matter is not embraced in such an agreement, it will be settled by negotiation between the permittee and the individual licensees of the United States who use the road, and, in the event of their disagreement, by private arbitration between them in accordance with the laws of the State of Oregon.

(viii) The authorized officer may in his discretion, issue short term right-of-way permits for periods not exceeding three years, subject to one-year extensions in his discretion. Such permits shall specify the volume of timber which may be carried over the right-of-way and the area from which such timber may be logged. The permits shall be revocable by the district forester, the State Director, or the Secretary for violation of their terms and conditions or of these regulations or if hazardous conditions result from the construction, maintenance or use of the rights-of-way by the permittees or those acting under their authority. As a condition for the granting of such permits, the applicant must comply with subparagraph (7) (i) and (iv) of this paragraph to the extent that rights-of-way and road use rights are needed to remove government timber offered for sale in the same general area during the period for which the short term right-of-way is granted.

(ix) The authorized officer may, in his discretion, issue to private operators rights-of-way across O. and C. lands, needed for the conduct of salvage operations, for a period not to exceed five years. A salvage operation as used in this paragraph means the removal of trees injured or killed by windstorms, insect infestation, disease, or fire, together with any adjacent green timber needed to make an economic logging show. As a condition of the granting of such rights-of-way, the operator will be required, when the authorized officer deems it necessary, to grant to the United States and its licensees for the conduct of salvage operations on O. and C. lands for a period not to exceed five years, rights-of-way across lands controlled directly or indirectly by him and to grant the right to use to the extent indicated in subparagraphs (8) and (9) of this paragraph any portions of the road system controlled directly or indirectly by the private operator which is adequate or can economically be made adequate to accommodate the requirements of both the operator and of the United States and its licensees.

(3) *Definitions.* Except as the context may otherwise indicate, as the terms are used in this paragraph:

(i) "Bureau" means Bureau of Land Management.

(ii) "Timber of the United States" or "federal timber" means timber owned by the United States or managed by any agency thereof, including timber on allotted and tribal Indian lands in the O. and C. area.

(iii) [Reserved]

(iv) "State Director" means the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, or his authorized representative.

(v) "Authorized Officer" means an employee of the Bureau of Land Management to whom has been delegated the authority to take action.

(vi) "O. and C. lands" means the Revested Oregon and California Railroad and Reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road Grant Lands, other lands administered by the Bureau under the provisions of the act approved August 28, 1937, and the public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management which are in Oregon and in and west of Range 8 E., Willamette Meridian, Oregon.

(vii) "District Forester" means a District Forester of the Bureau who is stationed in the O. and C. area.

(viii) "Tramroads" include tramways, and wagon or motor-truck roads to be used in connection with logging, and the manufacturing of lumber; it also includes railroads to be used principally for the transportation, in connection with such activities, of the property of the owner of such railroad.

(ix) "Management" means police protection, fire presuppression and suppression, inspection, cruising, reforesting, thinning, stand improvement, inventorying, surveying, construction and maintenance of improvements, disposal of land, the eradication of forest insects, pests and disease, and other activities of a similar nature.

(x) "Licensee" of the United States is, with respect to any road or right-of-way, any person who is authorized to remove timber or forest products from lands of the United States, or to remove timber or forest products from other lands committed by a cooperative agreement to coordinated administration with the timber of the United States over such road or right-of-way while it is covered by an outstanding permit, or while a former permittee is entitled to receive compensation for such use under the provisions of these regulations. A licensee is not an agent of the United States.

(xi) "Direct control" of a road, right-of-way, or land, by an applicant for a permit hereunder means that such applicant has authority to permit the United States and its licensees to use such road, right-of-way or land in accordance with this paragraph.

(xii) "Indirect control" of a road, right-of-way, or land, by an applicant hereunder means that such road, right-of-way, or land, is not directly controlled by him but is subject to use by him or by:

(*a*) A principal, disclosed or undisclosed, of the applicant; or

(*b*) A beneficiary of any trust or estate administered or established by the applicant; or

(*c*) Any person having or exercising the right to designate the immediate destination of the timber to be transported over the right-of-way for which application is made; or

(*d*) Any person who at any time has owned, or controlled the disposition of the timber to be transported over the right-of-way applied for, and during the 24 months preceding the filing of the application has disposed of such ownership or control to the applicant or his predecessor, under an agreement reserving or conferring upon the grantor the right to share directly or indirectly in the proceeds realized upon the grantee's disposal to third persons of the timber or products derived therefrom or the right to reacquire ownership or control of all or any part of the timber prior to the time when it undergoes its first mechanical alteration from the form of logs; or

(*e*) Any person who stands in such relation to the applicant that there is liable to be absence of arm's length bargaining in transactions between them relating to such road, rights-of-way, or lands.

(4) *Nature of permit.* (i) Permits for rights-of-way for tramroads, do not constitute easements, and do not confer any rights on the permittee to any material for construction or other purposes except, in accordance with the provisions of subparagraphs (19) and (23) of this paragraph such materials as may have been placed on such lands by a permittee. The permits are merely nonexclusive licenses to transport forest products owned by the permittee. Such permits may be canceled pursuant to subparagraph (21) of this paragraph.

(ii) A permittee may not authorize other persons to use the right-of-way for the transportation of forest products which are not owned by the permittee. Any person, other than the permittee or a licensee of the United States who desires to use the right-of-way for such purposes, is required to make application therefor and to comply with all the provisions of these regulations relating to applications and applicants: *Provided, however,* That upon the request of a permittee the authorized officer may, with respect to an independent contractor who desires to use such right-of-way for the transportation of forest products owned by such independent contractor and derived from timber or logs acquired by him from such permittee, waive the requirements of this sentence. Where the right-of-way involved has been substantially improved by the holder of an outstanding permit, any subsequent permit issued for the same right-of-way will be conditioned upon the subsequent permittee's agreement while the prior permit is outstanding, to be bound by the road rules of and to pay fair compensation to, the prior permittee, such rules and compensation to be agreed upon by the prior and subsequent permittee in accordance with the procedures and standards established by the regulations in subparagraphs (11), (13) and (14) of this paragraph.

(5) *Construction in advance of permit.* The authorized officer may grant an applicant authority to construct improvements on a proposed right-of-way prior to a determination whether the permit should issue. Such advance authority shall not be construed as any representation or commitment that a permit will issue. Upon demand by the authorized officer, the applicant will

fully and promptly comply with all the requirements imposed under and by this paragraph. Advance construction will not be authorized unless and until applicant has complied with subparagraphs (6) (i), (ii), (7) and (15) of this paragraph.

(6) *Applications*—(i) *Filing.* (*a*) An application for a permit for a right-of-way over the O. and C. lands must be submitted in duplicate on a form prescribed by the Director and filed in the appropriate district office. Application forms will be furnished upon request.

(*b*) Any application filed hereunder, including each agreement submitted by the applicant as a part thereof or as a condition precedent to the issuance of a permit, may be withdrawn by the applicant by written notice delivered to the appropriate district forester prior to the time the permit applied for has been issued to, and accepted by, the applicant.

(ii) *Contents.* (*a*) An individual applicant and each member of any unincorporated association which is an applicant must state in the application whether he is a native born or a naturalized citizen of the United States. Naturalized citizens will be required to furnish evidence of naturalization pursuant to the provisions of § 1811 of this chapter.

(*b*) An application by a private corporation must be accompanied by two copies of its articles of incorporation, one of which must be certified by the proper official of the company under its corporate seal, or by the secretary of the State where organized. A corporation organized in a State other than Oregon must submit a certificate issued by the State of Oregon attesting that the corporation is authorized to transact business within that State. The requirements of this paragraph shall be deemed satisfied if the corporation, having once filed the required documents, makes specific reference to the date and case number of such previous applications, states what changes, if any, have been made since the prior filings, and includes a statement that the right of the company to do business in the State of Oregon has not lapsed or terminated.

(*c*) Where the application is for a right-of-way on any portion of which the applicant proposes to construct a road, it must be accompanied by two copies of a map prepared on a scale of 4 inches or 8 inches to the mile. Showing the survey of the right-of-way so that it may be accurately located on the ground. The map should comply with the following requirements, except as the authorized officer may waive in any particular instance all or any of such requirements:

Courses and distances of the center line of the right-of-way should be given; the courses referred to the true meridian and the distance in feet and decimals thereof. The initial and terminal points of the survey must be accurately connected by course and distance to the nearest readily identifiable corner of the public land surveys, or, if there be no such corner within two miles, then connected to two permanent and prominent monuments or natural objects. All subdivisions of the public lands surveys, any part of which is within the limits of the survey, should be shown in their entirety, based upon the official subsisting plat with subdivisions, section, township, and range clearly marked. The width of the right-of-way should be given; and if not of uniform width, the locations and amount of change must be definitely shown. There shall also be a statement on the face of or appended to the map indicating the grade and usable width of the road to be constructed, the type of material which will be used for the surface, the type and extent of the drainage facilities, and the type of construction and estimated capacity of any bridges. The map should bear upon its face the statement of the person who made the survey, if any, and the certificate of the applicant; such statement and certificate should be as set out in Forms as approved by the Director.

(*d*) Where the application is for the use of an existing road, a map adequate to show the location thereof will be required, together with a statement of the specific nature and location of any proposed improvements to such road. A blank map suitable for most cases may be procured from the appropriate district forester.

(*e*) Every application for a right-of-way must also be accompanied by a diagram indicating the roads and rights-of-way which form an integral part of the road system with which the requested right-of-way will connect, the portions of such road system which the applicant directly controls within the meaning of subparagraph (3) (xi) of this paragraph, the portions thereof which the applicant indirectly controls within the meaning of subparagraph (3) (xii) of this paragraph, and the portions thereof as to which the applicant has no control within the meaning of such sections. As to the portions over which the applicant has no control, he must furnish a statement showing for the two years preceding the date of the filing of the application, all periods of time that he had direct or indirect control thereof, and the date and nature of any changes in such control. The diagram shall also contain the name of the person whom the applicant believes directly controls any portion of such road system which the applicant does not directly control. Where a right-of-way for a railroad is involved, the applicant must indicate which portions of the right-of-way will be available for use as truck roads upon the removal of the rails and ties and the probable date of such removal. Blank diagram forms, suitable for most cases, may be obtained from the appropriate district forester.

(iii) *Trespass.* The mere filing of an application under this paragraph does not authorize the applicant to use the right-of-way in any manner or for any purpose until written permission therefor has been duly executed by the authorized officer and delivered to the applicant. Any unauthorized use of O. and C. land constitutes a trespass for which the trespasser is liable in damages to the United States. Where there has been such a trespass, no permit shall be issued to the alleged trespasser unless (*a*) the trespass claim is fully satisfied; or (*b*) the alleged trespasser files a bond conditioned upon payment of the amount of damages found by the State supervisor, or upon appeal by the Secretary of the Interior or his delegatee, to be due the United States; or (*c*) the State Director finds in writing that there is a legitimate dispute as to the fact of the alleged trespasser's liability or as to the extent of his liability and the trespasser files a bond guaranteeing payment of the amount found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be due the United States.

CROSS REFERENCE: For disposal of timber or material to a trespasser, see § 9239.0–9 of this chapter.

(7) *Right-of-way and road use agreement; recordation.* (i) Where, in the judgment of the authorized officer, it appears necessary in order to carry out the policy set forth in subparagraph (2) of this paragraph, he may require the applicant, as a condition precedent to the issuance of the permit:

(*a*) To grant to the United States, for use by it and its licensees and permittees, rights-of-way across lands in the O. and C. area directly controlled by the applicant; and as to lands in such area which are indirectly controlled by him, either to obtain such rights for the United States or to make a showing satisfactory to the authorized officer that he has negotiated therefor in good faith and to waive as to the United States, its licensees and permittees any exclusive or restricted right he may have to such lands as are indirectly controlled by him.

(*b*) In addition, to agree to permit the United States and its licensees, upon the payment of fair compensation as hereinafter provided, to use under the terms and conditions of this paragraph such portion as the applicant directly controls of the road system and rights-of-way which are an integral part of or may be added to the road system with which the right-of-way applied for will connect, and as to the portions of such road system or rights-of-way as the applicant indirectly controls, either to obtain such rights for the United States and its licensees or to make a showing satisfactory to the authorized officer that he has negotiated therefor in good faith and, in such latter circumstance, to waive as to the United States and its licensees any exclusive or restricted right he may have in such portion of the road system and rights-of-way.

(ii) In addition to the private road systems and rights-of-way described in subdivision (i) of this subparagraph, in the event the applicant controls directly or indirectly other roads or rights-of-way in any O. and C. area where the authorized officer of the Bureau finds that, as of the time of filing or during the pendency of the application, the United States is unreasonably denied access to its timber for management purposes or where, as of such time, competitive bidding by all prospective purchasers of timber managed by the Bureau in the O. and C. area, or of other Federal timber intermingled with or adjacent to such timber, is substantially precluded by reason of the applicant's control, direct or indirect, of such roads or rights-of-way, the authorized officer may require the applicant to negotiate an agreement granting to the United States and its licensees the right to use, in accordance with the terms and conditions of this paragraph such portion of such roads or rights-of-way as may be necessary to accommodate such management or competitive bidding.

(iii) Where, in the judgment of the authorized officer, it is consistent with the policy set forth in subparagraph (2) of this paragraph he may issue a permit without requesting the applicant to grant any rights to the United States under this subparagraph.

(iv) Any grant of rights to the United States under this section shall be executed on a form prescribed by the Director which shall constitute and form a part of any permit issued upon the application involved. The applicant shall record such agreement in the office of land records of the county or counties in which the roads, rights-of-way, or lands, subject to the agreement are located, and submit evidence of such recordation to the appropriate district manager.

(8) *Use by the United States and its licensees of rights received from a permittee.* The use by the United States and its licensees of any of the rights received from a permittee hereunder shall be limited to that which is necessary for management purposes, or to reach, by the most reasonably direct route, involving the shortest practicable use of the permittee's road system, a road or highway which is suitable for the transportation of forest products in the type and size of vehicle customarily used for such purposes and which is legally available

for public use for ingress to and the removal of forest products from Government lands or from other lands during such periods of time as the timber thereon may be committed by a cooperative agreement to coordinated administration with timber of the United States. However, the type and size of vehicle which may be used by the licensee on the permittee's road shall be governed by subparagraphs (10) and (13) of this paragraph.

(9) *Duration and location of rights granted or received by the United States.* The rights-of-way granted by the United States under any permit issued under subparagraph (18) of this paragraph, subject to the provisions of subparagraph (21) of this paragraph, will be for a stated term or terms which may vary for each portion of the right-of-way granted; such term or terms will normally be coincident with the probable period of use for the removal of forest products by the permittee and any successor in interest of the various portions of the right-of-way requested. In the same manner the permit will also state the duration of the rights of the United States to use and to permit its licensees to use, and the location by legal subdivisions of, each of the various portions, if any, of the roads, rights-of-way, and lands which a permittee hereunder authorizes the United States and its licensees to use; and, similarly, the duration of such rights received by the United States will normally be coincident with the probable period of use for the removal of forest products, by the United States and its existing and prospective licensees, of such roads, rights-of-way, and lands.

(10) *Permittee's agreement with United States respecting compensation and adjustment of road use.* (i) Where the United States receives rights over any road, right-of-way, or lands, controlled directly or indirectly by a permittee, the authorized officer will seek to arrive at an advance agreement with the permittee respecting any or all of such matters as the time, route, and specifications for the development of the road system in the area; the total volume of timber to be moved over such road system, and the proportion of such timber which belongs to the United States or is embraced in a cooperative agreement for coordinated management with timber of the United States managed by the Bureau; the consequent proportion of the capital costs of the road system to be borne by such timber of the United States or embraced in such cooperative agreement; the period of time over, or rate at which, the United States or its licensees shall be required to amortise such capital cost; provisions for road maintenance; the use in addition to the uses set forth in subparagraph (8) of this paragraph which the United States and its licensees may make of the road system involved, a formula for determining the proportionate capacity of the road system or portions thereof which shall be available to the United States and its licensees for the transportation of forest products; the amount and type of insurance to be carried, and the type of security to be furnished by licensees of the United States who use such road; and such other similar matters as the authorized officer may deem appropriate. To the extent necessary to fulfill the obligations of the United States under any such advance agreement, subsequent contracts for the sale of timber managed by the Bureau and tapped by such road system, and subsequent cooperative agreements for the coordinated management of such timber with other timber, will contain such provisions as may be necessary or appropriate to require such licensees to comply with the terms of the advance agreement. Where such an advance agreement between the United States and the permittee includes provisions relating to the route and specifications for extensions of the road system involved, the authorized officer may agree that upon the filing of proper applications in the future the applicant or his successor in interest shall receive the necessary permits for such road extensions as may cross lands managed by the Bureau: *Provided, however,* That the applicant shall have substantially complied with the terms of such advance agreement and of the outstanding permits theretofore issued to him.

(ii) The provisions of subparagraphs (11) to (14) of this paragraph shall not be applicable to any matters embraced in an agreement made pursuant to this section.

(11) *Agreements and arbitration between permittee and licensee respecting compensation payable by licensee to permittee for use of road.* (i) In the event the United States exercises the rights received from a permittee hereunder to license a person to remove forest products over any road, right-of-way, or lands of the permittee or of his successor in interest, to the extent that such matters are not covered by an agreement under subparagraph (10) of this paragraph, such licensee will be required to pay the permittee or his successor in interest such compensation and to furnish him such security, and to carry such liability insurance as the permittee or his successor in interest and the licensee may agree upon. If the parties do not agree, then upon the written request of either party delivered to the other party, the matter shall be referred to and finally determined by arbitration in accordance with the procedures established by subparagraph (14) of this paragraph. During the pendency of such arbitration proceedings the licensee shall be entitled to use the road, right-of-way, or lands involved upon payment, or tender thereof validly maintained, to the

permittee of an amount to be determined by the authorized officer and upon the furnishing to the permittee of a corporate surety bond in an amount equal to the difference between the amount fixed by the authorized officer and the amount sought by the permittee. The licensee shall also, as a condition of use in such circumstances, maintain such liability insurance in such amounts covering any additional hazard and risk which might accrue by reason of the licensee's use of the road, as the authorized officer may prescribe.

(ii) The arbitrators shall base their award as to the compensation to be paid by the licensee to the permittee or his successor in interest upon the amortization of the replacement costs for a road of the type involved, including in such replacement costs an extraordinary cost peculiar to the construction of the particular road involved and subtracting therefrom any capital investment made by the United States or its licensees in the particular road involved or in improvements thereto used by and useful to the permittee or his successor in interest plus a reasonable interest allowance on the resulting cost figure, taking into account the risk involved, plus costs of maintenance if furnished by the permittee or his successor, including costs of gates and gateman. In arriving at the amortization item, the arbitrators shall take into account the probable period of time, past and present, during which such road may be in existence, and the volume of timber which has been moved and the volume of timber currently merchantable, which probably will be moved from all sources over such road. The arbitrators shall also take into account the extent to which the use which the licensee might otherwise economically make of the road system is limited by subparagraph (8) of this paragraph. In addition, the arbitrators may fix the rate at which payments shall be made by the licensee during his use of the road. The arbitrators shall require the licensee to provide adequate bond, cash deposit, or other security to indemnify the permittee or his successor in interest against failure of the licensee to comply with the terms of the award and against damage to the road not incident to normal usage and for any other reasonable purpose, and also to carry appropriate liability insurance covering any additional hazard and risks which may accrue by reason of the licensee's use of the road.

(iii) Where improvements or additions are required to enable a licensee to use a road or right-of-way to remove timber or forest products, the cost of such improvements will be allowable to the licensee.

(iv) The full value at current stumpage prices will be allocable against a licensee for all timber to be cut, removed, or destroyed by the licensee on a permittee's land in the construction or improvement of the road involved.

(12) *Compensation payable by United States to permittee for use of road.* In the event the United States itself removes forest products over any road or right-of-way of the permittee or his successor in interest, the United States, if there has been no agreement under subparagraph (10) of this paragraph covering the matter, shall pay to the permittee or his successor in interest reasonable compensation as determined by the State Director, who shall base his determination upon the same standards established by this paragraph for arbitrators in the determination of the compensation to be paid by a licensee to a permittee: *Provided, however,* That no bond or other security or liability insurance is to be required of the United States. When the United States constructs or improves a road on a permittee's land or right-of-way it shall pay to the permittee the full value at current stumpage prices of all timber of the permittee cut, removed, or destroyed in the construction or maintenance of such road or road improvements. Current stumpage prices shall be determined by the application of the standard appraisal formula, used in appraising O. and C. timber for sale, to the volume and grade of timber. Such volume and grade shall be determined by a cruise made by the permittee or, at his request, by the authorized officer. If either the permittee or the authorized officer does not accept the cause made by the other, the volume and grade shall be determined by a person or persons acceptable both to the permittee and the State Director.

(13) *Agreements and arbitration between permittee and licensee respecting adjustment of road use.* (i) When the United States exercises the right received under this paragraph to use or to license any person to use a road of a permittee, the permittee or his successor in interest shall not unreasonably obstruct the United States or such licensee in such use. If there has been no agreement under subparagraph (10) of this paragraph covering such matters, the permittee shall have the right to prescribe reasonable operating regulations, to apply uniformly as between the permittee and such licensee, covering the use of such road for such matters as speed and load limits, scheduling of hauls during period of use by more than one timber operator, coordination of peak periods of use, and such other matters as are reasonably related to safe operations and protection of the road; if the capacity of such road should be inadequate to accommodate the use thereof which such licensee and permittee desire to make concurrently, they shall endeavor to adjust their respective uses by agreement.

(ii) If the permittee and such licensee are unable to agree as to the reasonableness of such operating regulations or on the adjustment of their respective uses

where the capacity of the road is inadequate to accommodate their concurrent use, then upon the written request of either party delivered to the other party, the matter shall be referred to and finally determined by arbitration in accordance with the procedures established by subparagraph (14) of this paragraph.

(iii) The arbitrators may make such disposition of a dispute involving the reasonableness of such operating regulations as appears equitable to them, taking into account the capacity and the construction of the road and the volume of use to which it will be subjected. In the determination of a dispute arising out of the inadequacy of the capacity of a road to accommodate the concurrent use by a permittee and a licensee, the arbitrators may make such disposition thereof as appears equitable to them, taking into account, among other pertinent facts, the commitments of the permittee and the licensee with respect to the cutting and removal of the timber involved and the disposition of the products derived therefrom; the extent to which each of the parties may practicably satisfy any of the aforesaid commitments from other timber currently controlled by him; the past normal use of such road by the permittee; the extent to which federal timber has contributed to the amortization of the capital costs of such road; and the extent to which the United States or its licensees have enlarged the road capacity.

(14) *Arbitration procedure.* (i) Within ten days after the delivery of a written request for arbitration under subparagraphs (11) or (13) of this paragraph each of the parties to the disagreement shall appoint an arbitrator and the two arbitrators thus appointed shall select a third arbitrator. If either party fails to appoint an arbitrator as provided herein, the other party may apply to a court of record of the State of Oregon for the appointment of such an arbitrator, as provided by the laws of such State. If within ten days of the appointment of the second of them, the original two arbitrators are unable to agree upon a third arbitrator who will accept the appointment, either party may petition such a court of record of the State of Oregon for the appointment of a third arbitrator. Should any vacancy occur by reason of the resignation, death or inability of one or more of the arbitrators to serve, the vacancy shall be filled according to the procedures applicable to the appointment of the arbitrator whose death, disability, or other inability to serve, created the vacancy.

(ii) By mutual agreement, the parties may submit to a single arbitration proceeding controversies arising under both subparagraphs (11) and (13) of this paragraph.

(iii) The arbitrators shall hear and determine the controversy and make, file, and serve their award in accordance with the substantive standards prescribed in subparagraphs (11) and (13) of this paragraph for the type of controversy involved and in accordance with the procedures established by the laws of the State of Oregon pertaining to arbitration proceedings. A copy of the award shall also be served at the same time upon the appropriate district director or the State Director, either personally or by registered mail.

(iv) Costs of the arbitration proceedings shall be assessed by the arbitrators against either or both of the parties, as may appear equitable to the arbitrators, taking into account the original contentions of the parties, the ultimate decision of the arbitrators and such other matter as may appear relevant to the arbitrators.

(15) *Payment required for O. and C. timber.* An applicant will be required to pay to the Bureau of Land Management, in advance of the issuance of the permit, the full stumpage value as determined by the authorized officer of the estimated volume of all timber to be cut, removed, or destroyed, on O. and C. lands in the construction or operation of the road.

(16) *Payment to the United States for road use.* (i) A permittee shall pay a basic fee of five dollars per year per mile or fraction thereof for the use of any existing road or of any road constructed by the permittee upon the right-of-way. If the term of the permit is for five years or less, the entire basic fee must be paid in advance of the issuance of the permit. If the term of the permit is longer than five years, the basic fee for each five-year period or for the remainder of the last period, if less than five years, must be paid in advance at five-year intervals: *Provided, however,* That in those cases where the permittee has executed under subparagraph (7) of this paragraph an agreement respecting the use of roads, rights-of-way or lands, no such basic fee shall be paid: *Provided further,* This paragraph shall not apply where payment for road use is required under paragraph (b) of this section.

(ii) Where the permittee receives a right to use a road constructed or acquired by the United States, which road is under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, the permittee will be required to pay to the United States a fee to be determined by the authorized officer who may also fix the rate at which payments shall be made by the permittee during his use of the road. The authorized officer shall base his determination upon the amortization of the replacement costs for a road of the type involved, together with a reasonable interest allowance on such costs

plus costs of maintenance if furnished by the United States and any extraordinary costs peculiar to the construction or acquisition of the particular road. In the case of federally acquired or constructed access roads, an allowance representing a reasonable allocation for recreational or other authorized uses shall be deducted from the replacement costs of the road before the amortization item is computed. A similar allowance and deduction shall be made in cases involving roads constructed as a part of a timber sale contract when, and if, subsequent to completion of such contract any such road becomes subject to recreational or other authorized uses. In arriving at the amortization item, the authorized officer shall take into account the probable period of time, past and present, during which such road may be in existence, and the volume of timber which has been moved, and the volume of timber currently merchantable which probably will be moved from all sources over such road: *Provided, however,* That this subdivision shall not apply where the permittee transports forest products purchased from the United States through the Bureau of Land Management, or where payment for such road use to another permittee is required under this § 2234.2–3(b): *Provided further,* That where the United States is entitled to charge a fee for the use of a road, the authorized officer may waive such fee if the permittee grants to the United States and its licensees the right to use, without charge, permittee's roads of approximately equal value as determined under the methods provided in this subdivision and subparagraph (11)(ii) of this paragraph, as may be applicable.

(iii) If an application is filed to use a road built on O. and C. lands by the applicant or his predecessor in interest under a permit which has expired, the authorized officer may issue a new permit which provides that as to such road the applicant's road use payments shall be determined in accordance with subdivision (ii) of this subparagraph except that he shall be required to pay a road use fee which is adequate to amortize only his proportionate share of any capital improvements which have been or may be placed on the road by the United States or its licensees together with a reasonable interest allowance thereon plus cost of maintenance if furnished by the United States: *Provided, however,* That if the application is for use of a road which has been built by a predecessor in interest the permit shall provide that the applicant may use the road only for the purpose of reaching the lands of the predecessor in interest that were served by the road. As a condition for the granting of such a permit, the applicant must comply with subparagraph (7) of this paragraph to the extent that rights-of-way and road use rights are needed to manage lands of the United States or to remove timber therefrom.

(17) *Bond on connection with existing roads.* An applicant for permit or a permittee desiring to use an existing road owned or controlled by the United States, shall prior to such use post a bond on a form prescribed by the Director. The amount of the bond shall be determined by the authorized officer but in no event less than five hundred dollars ($500) per mile or fraction thereof. The bond shall be executed by an approved corporate surety, or the permittee may deposit an equivalent amount in cash or negotiable securities of the United States and the bond shall be conditioned upon compliance with § 2234.2–3(b)(1)—(24) and the terms and conditions of the permit.

(18) *Approval of permit.* (i) Upon the applicant's compliance with the appropriate provisions of this paragraph and if it is determined that the approval of the application will be in the public interest, the authorized officer may, in his discretion, issue an appropriate permit, upon a form prescribed by the Director.

(ii) The authorized officer may waive the requirements of subparagraphs (6)(ii)(*c*), (*e*) and (17) of this paragraph in the case of a natural person who applies for a right-of-way for not to exceed a period of twelve weeks. Not more than one such waiver shall be allowed in each consecutive twelve calendar months on behalf of or for the benefit of the same person.

(19) *Terms and conditions of permit.* (i) As to all permits: Every permittee shall agree:

(*a*) To comply with the applicable regulations in effect as of the time when the permit is issued and, as to the permittee's roads as to which the United States has received rights under subparagraph (7) of this paragraph with such additional regulations as may be issued from time to time relating to the use of roads for the purpose of access by properly licensed hunters and fishermen and by other recreationalists to lands of the United States in the O. and C. area which are suitable for such recreational purposes, where such use will not unreasonably interfere with the use of the road by the permittee for the transportation of forest products or unduly enhance the risk of fire, collision, or other hazards on such road and on lands in the vicinity thereof. If, notwithstanding the request of the authorized officer that the permittee allow use of a road in conformity with such additional regulations, the permittee shall unreasonably withhold his assent, the authorized officer shall refer the disagreement through the proper channels to the Director of the Bureau for his consideration, and, if the Director concurs in the conclusion of the authorized officer and if the matter is still in dispute, he shall refer the matter to the Secretary of the Interior for his consideration. In the event of the Secretary's concurrence in the conclusions

of the authorized officer, and if the permittee nevertheless unreasonably withholds such assent, the United States may institute such judicial proceedings as may be appropriate to enforce said regulations.

(*b*) Not to cut, remove, or destroy any timber not previously purchased on the right-of-way without having first obtained specific authority from the district forester and making payment therefor.

(*c*) To take adequate precaution to prevent forest, brush, and grass fires; to endeavor with all available personnel to suppress any fire originating on or threatening the right-of-way on which a road is being used or constructed by the permittee or any fire caused by the permittee; to do no burning on or near the right-of-way without State permit during the seasons that permits are required and in no event to set fire on or near the right-of-way that will result in damage to any natural resource or improvement.

(*d*) To submit to arbitration proceedings and to be bound by the resulting arbitral awards, pursuant to subparagraphs (11), (13), and (14) of this paragraph.

(*e*) In the event that the United States acquires by purchase or eminent domain the land or any interest therein, over which there passes a road which the United States has acquired the right to use under subparagraph (7) of this paragraph to waive compensation for the value of the road, equivalent to the proportion that the amount the United States has contributed bears to the total actual cost of construction of the road. Such contribution shall include any investment in or amortization of the cost of such road, or both, as the case may be, made by the United States or a licensee either by way of direct expenditures upon such road, or by way of payment by the United States or a licensee to the permittee, or by way of allowance made by the United States to the permittee in any timber sales contract for such amortization or capital investment.

(*f*) To construct all roads and other improvements as described in the application for the permit, except as the authorized officer may authorize modification or abandonment of any such proposed construction.

(*g*) To use the permit and right-of-way afforded subject to all valid existing rights, to such additional rights-of-way as may be granted under this paragraph to a reservation of rights-of-way for ditches and canals constructed under authority of the United States.

(*h*) Not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, or national origin, and to require an identical provision to be included in all subcontracts.

(*i*) Except as the authorized officer may otherwise permit or direct to clean up and remove from the road and right-of-way within six months after the expiration or other termination of the permit, all debris, refuse, and waste material which may have resulted from his operations and use of said road; to repair all damage to said road resulting directly or indirectly from his use thereof; and to remove therefrom all structures, timbers, and other objects that may have been installed or placed thereon by him in connection with said operations or use; *Provided, however,* That the road and all usable road improvements shall be left in place.

(*j*) Upon request of an authorized officer, to submit to the Bureau within 30 days with permission to publish, the detailed terms and conditions, including the fee which the permittee will ask as a condition of such licensee's use for the removal of forest products over any road or right-of-way which the United States and its licensees have acquired a right to use under subparagraph (7) of this paragraph.

(*k*) To grant to the United States, upon request of an authorized officer, in lieu of the rights-of-way across legal subdivisions granted pursuant to subparagraph (7) of this paragraph, such permanent easements on specifically described locations as may be necessary to permit the Bureau to construct roads on such legal subdivisions with appropriated funds: *Provided,* That at the time of the grant of such permanent easements the Bureau shall release, except for necessary connecting spur roads, the rights-of-way across such legal subdivisions previously granted: *Provided further,* That if the United States builds a road on such permanent easements it shall pay for any timber of the permittee which is cut, removed, or destroyed in accordance with subparagraph (12) of this paragraph. The authorized officer shall waive the requirement under this subparagraph, however, if the permittee makes a satisfactory showing to the authorized officer that he does not own a sufficient interest in the land to grant a permanent easement, and that he has negotiated therefor in good faith without success.

(ii) As to permits for the use of an existing road: In addition, every permittee to whom a permit is issued for the use of an existing road is required to agree:

(*a*) To maintain such a road in an adequate and satisfactory condition or to arrange therefor with the other users of the road. In the absence of satisfactory performance, the authorized officer may have such maintenance work performed as may be necessary in his judgment, determine the proportionate share allocable to each user, and collect the cost thereof from the parties or the sureties on the bonds furnished by said parties.

(*b*) Upon the expiration or other termination of his right to its use, to leave said road and right-of-way in at least as good a condition as existed prior to the commencement of his use.

(20) *Assignment of permit.* Any proposed assignment of a permit must be submitted in duplicate, within 90 days after the date of its execution, to the appropriate district forester for approval, accompanied by the same showing and undertaking by the assignee as is required of an applicant by subparagraph (6) (ii) and (7) of this paragraph; and must be supported by a stipulation that the assignee agrees to comply with and be bound by the terms and conditions of the permit and the applicable regulations of the Department of the Interior in force as of the date of such approval of the assignment.

(21) *Causes for termination of permittee's rights.* (i) The authorized officer in his discretion may elect upon 30 days' notice to terminate any permit or right-of-way issued under this paragraph if:

(*a*) In connection with the application made therefor, the applicant represented any material fact knowing the same to be false, or made such representation in reckless disregard of the truth; or

(*b*) A permittee, subsequent to the issuance of a permit or right-of-way to him, represents any material fact to the Bureau, in accordance with any requirement of such permit or this paragraph, knowing such representation to be false, or makes such representation in reckless disregard of the truth.

(ii) The authorized officer in his discretion may elect to terminate any permit or right-of-way issued under this paragraph, will the permittee shall fail to comply with any of the problems of said regulations or make defaults in the performance or observation of any of the conditions of the permit, and such failure or default shall continue for 60 days after service of written notice thereof by the authorized officer.

(iii) Notice of such termination shall be served personally or by registered mail upon the permittee, shall specify the misrepresentation, failure or default involved, and shall be final, subject, however, to the permittee's right of appeal.

(iv) Termination of the permit and of the right-of-way under this section shall not operate to terminate any right granted to the United States pursuant to this paragraph, nor shall it affect the right of the permittee, after the termination of his permit and right-of-way to receive compensation and to establish road operating rules with respect to roads controlled by him which the United States has the right to use and to permit its licensees to use; nor shall it relieve the permittee of his duty under this paragraph, to submit to and be bound by arbitration pursuant to subparagraphs (11), (13) and (14) of this paragraph.

(22) *Remedies for violations by licensee.* (i) No licensee of the United States will be authorized to use the roads of a permittee except under the terms of a timber sale contract or a cooperative agreement with the United States which will require the licensee to comply with all the applicable provisions of this paragraph, and any agreements or awards made pursuant thereto. If a licensee fails to comply with the regulations, agreements, or awards, the authorized officer will take such action as may be appropriate under the provisions of the timber sale contract or cooperative agreement.

(ii) A permittee who believes that a licensee is violating the provisions of such a timber sale contract or cooperative agreement pertaining to use of the permittee's roads, rights-of-way, or lands, may petition the authorized officer, setting forth the grounds for his belief, to take such action against the licensee as may be appropriate under the contract or the cooperative agreement. In such event the permittee shall be bound by the decision of the authorized officer, subject, however, to a right of appeal pursuant to subparagraph (24) of this paragraph and subject, further, to the general provisions of law respecting review of administrative determinations. In the alternative, a permittee who believes that a licensee has violated the terms of the timber sale contract or cooperative agreement respecting the use of the permittee's roads may proceed against the licensee in any court of competent jurisdiction to obtain such relief as may be appropriate in the premises.

(23) *Disposition of property on termination of permit.* Upon the expiration or other termination of the permittee's rights, in the absence of an agreement to the contrary, the permittee will be allowed six months in which to remove or otherwise dispose of all property or improvements, other than the

road and usable improvements to the road, placed by him on the right-of-way, but if not removed within this period, all such property and improvements shall become the property of the United States.

(24) *Appeals.* An appeal pursuant to Parts 1840 and 1850 of this chapter, may be taken from any final decision of the authorized officer, to the Director, Bureau of Land Management, and, from the latter's decision to the Secretary of the Interior.

§ 2234.2–4 Under Title 23, United States Code.

(a) *Authority.* (1) Title 23, United States Code, section 107, paragraph (d), provides that whenever rights-of-way, including control of access, on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways are required over lands or interests in lands owned by the United States, the Secretary of Commerce may make such arrangements with the agency having jurisdiction over such lands as may be necessary to give the State or other person constructing the projects on such lands adequate rights-of-way and control of access thereto from adjoining lands. It directs any such agency to cooperate with the Secretary of Commerce in this connection.

(2) Title 23, United States Code, section 317, provides that:

(i) If the Secretary of Commerce determines that any part of the lands or interests in lands owned by the United States is reasonably necessary for the right-of-way of any highway constructed on the Federal-aid primary system, the Federal-aid secondary system and the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, or under Title 23, United States Code, Chapter 2, or as a source of materials for the construction or maintenance of any such highway adjacent to such lands or interests in lands, the Secretary of Commerce shall file with the Secretary of the Department supervising the administration of such lands or interests in lands a map showing the portion of such lands or interests in lands which it is desired to appropriate.

(ii) (*a*) If within a period of four months after such filing the Secretary of such Department shall not have certified to the Secretary of Commerce that the proposed appropriation of such land or material is contrary to the public interest or inconsistent with the purposes for which such lands or materials have been reserved or shall have agreed to the appropriation and transfer under conditions which he deems necessary for the adequate protection and utilization of the reserve, then such lands and materials may be appropriated and transferred to the State highway department, or its nominee, for such purposes and subject to the conditions so specified.

(*b*) By decision of the Secretary, Nevada Department of Highways, A.24151, September 1945, it was held that the law imports discretion and indicates no intent to vest in the State a right at the end of the four months' period without further action by the Department having jurisdiction. It was held further that the interest transferred under the statute is merely a right-of-way or right to take materials and that the Government may reserve the right to dispose of leasable minerals.

(iii) If at any time the need for any such lands or materials for such purposes shall no longer exist, notice of the fact shall be given by the State highway department to the Secretary of Commerce and such lands or materials shall immediately revert to the control of the Secretary of the Department from which they had been appropriated. Notice by the State highway departments, that the need for the land or material no longer exists may be given directly to the Bureau which granted the rights.

(b) *Application; grants.* (1) (a) Except where an application involves lands wholly within an Indian reservation applications for rights-of-way and material sites under title 23, United States Code, for lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior, together with four copies of a durable and legible map shall be filed by the appropriate State highway department in the manner prescribed by § 2234.1–2(a). Maps should accurately describe the land or interest in land desired, showing the survey of the right-of-way, properly located with respect to the public land surveys so that said right-of-way may be accurately located on the ground by any competent engineer or land surveyor. The map should comply with the requirements of § 2234.1–2(d) (1), paragraphs (i) through (viii). Applications for lands wholly within an Indian reservation shall be filed in the office of the superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs agency which has jurisdiction over the lands, or for lands for which there is no agency, in the office of the Area Director who has jurisdiction over the lands. Applications for lands administered by the National Park shall be filed with the Director of the National Park Service, Washington, D.C. 20240, who, notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs (b) (3) and (4) of this section, shall process such applications and issue grants of rights-of-way in accordance with the regulations of this subpart. Applications for lands outside of the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior shall be filed pursuant to the rules or regulations of the Department or agency having jurisdiction over the lands.

(*b*) When the lands involved are under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior an applicant will be expected, at the earliest possible date prior to the filing of an application, to consult with the local officials of the Bureau or Office having jurisdiction

over the lands to ascertain whether or not the use of appropriation of the lands for right-of-way purposes is consistent with the management program and to agree to such measures as may be necessary to maintain program values. Failure to do so may lead to an unresolvable conflict of interest and necessitate disallowance of the application.

(2) The appropriate state highway department will forward a copy of each application and map filed with the Department of the Interior to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Public Roads for a determination whether the lands and interests in lands are necessary for the purposes of Title 23, United States Code.

(3) After receipt of such determination that the lands or interests in lands under application are reasonably necessary for the purposes of Title 23, United States Code, the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management will notify the applicant and the authorized officer of the Bureau of Public Roads either (i) that the approval of the application would be contrary to the public interest or inconsistent with the purposes for which the lands or materials have been reserved or (ii) that he proposes to grant the right-of-way under the regulations of this part, subject to said regulations and to such conditions which he indicates in his notice.

(4) Grants of rights-of-way under Title 23, United States Code, by the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management will be made to the appropriate State highway department or to its nominee and based upon considerations of adequate protection and utilization of Federal lands and interests in lands will be subject to (i) all the pertinent regulations of this part except those which the authorized officer, upon formal request of the applicant may modify or dispense with, in whole or in part, upon a finding that it is in the public interest and in conformity with the purposes of Title 23, United States Code, and (ii) any conditions which he deems necessary. Grants of highway rights-of-way under this subpart may include an appropriation and release to the State or its nominee of all rights of the United States, as owner of underlying and abutting lands, to cross over or gain access to the highway from its lands crossed by or abutting the right-of-way, subject to such terms and conditions and for such duration as the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management deems appropriate.

(c) *Additional rights-of-way within highway rights-of-way.* (1) No application under the regulations of this part is required for a right-of-way within the limits of a highway right-of-way granted pursuant to Title 23, United States Code, for facilities usual to a highway, except (i) where terms of the grant or a provision of law specifically requires the filing of an application for a right-of-way, (ii) where the right-of-way is for electric transmission facilities which are designed for operation at a nominal voltage of 33 KV or above or for conversion to such operation or (iii) where the right-of-way is for oil or gas pipelines which are part of a pipeline crossing other public lands, or if not part of such a pipeline, which are more than two miles long. When an application is not required under the provisions of this subparagraph, qualified persons may appropriate rights-of-way for such usual highway facilities with the consent of the holder of the highway right-of-way, which holder will be responsible for compliance with § 2234.1–3(c), in connection with the construction and maintenance of such facilities.

(2) Except as modified by subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, rights-of-way within the limits of a highway right-of-way granted pursuant to Title 23, United States Code, and applications for such rights-of-way, are subject to all the regulations of this part pertaining to such rights-of-way.

§ 2234.2–5 Over public lands under R.S. 2477.

(a) *Authority.* R.S. 2477 (43 U.S.C. 932), grants rights-of-way for the construction of highways over public lands, not reserved for public uses.

(b) *Effective date and extent of grant.* (1) Grants of rights-of-way referred to in the preceding section become effective upon the construction or establishment of highways, in accordance with the State laws, over public lands, not reserved for public uses. No application should be filed under R.S. 2477, as no action on the part of the Government is necessary. Rights-of-way granted by R.S. 2477 do not include rights-of-way for facilities with respect to which any other provision of law specifically requires the filing of an application for a right-of-way. Where the holder of such highway right-of-way determines that such facility will not seriously impair the scenic and recreational values of an area and its consent is obtained, the Department waives the requirement of an application for a right-of-way for all facilities usual to a highway along a highway right-of-way granted by R.S. 2477 except for electric transmission facilities, designed for operation at a nominal voltage of 33 kv or above, or designed for conversion to such operation, or for oil or gas pipe lines which are more than two miles long and are not part of any other pipe line crossing public lands. Applications shall be made under

§ 2234.4–1, inclusive, with respect to any right-of-way for an electric transmission facility subject to this exception, and under § 2234.5–1 inclusive, for pipe line facilities subject to this exception.

(2) Holders of grants under R.S. 2477 shall be subject to the terms and conditions of § 2234.1–3(c) (2), (3), (4), (5), (9), (11). Where the holder of the highway consents to the construction of usual highway facilities, as provided above, such holder shall be responsible for compliance with the designated subparagraphs of § 2234.1–3(c) in connection with the construction and maintenance of such facilities.

(c) *Procedure when reserved land is involved; rights-of-way over revested and reconveyed lands.* (1) When a right-of-way is desired for the construction of a highway under R.S. 2477 over public land reserved for public uses, and such reserved land is under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior, and when a right-of-way is desired for the construction of a highway under R.S. 2477 over the Revested and Reconveyed Lands, an application should be made in accordance with § 2234.1–2(a). Such application should be accompanied by a map, drawn on tracing linen, with two print copies thereof, showing the location of the proposed highway with relation to the smallest legal subdivisions of the lands affected.

(2) Where reserved lands are involved, no rights to establish or construct the highway will be acquired by reason of the filing of such application, unless and until the reservation shall have been revoked or modified so as to permit construction of the highway, subject to such terms and conditions, if any, as may be deemed reasonable and necessary for the adequate protection and utilization of the reserve.

(3) Where Revested and Reconveyed Lands are involved, no rights to establish or construct the highway will be acquired by reason of the filing of such application unless and until the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management shall grant permission to construct the highway, subject to such terms and conditions as he deems necessary for the adequate protection and utilization of the lands, and for the maintenance of the objectives of the act of August 28, 1937 (50 Stat. 874; 43 U.S.C. 1181a).

§ 2234.3 For canals, ditches and reservoirs.

§ 2234.3–1 For irrigation (Act of March 3, 1891, as amended).

(a) *Authority*—(1) *Provisions of basic act.* (i) Section 18 of the act of March 3, 1891 (26 Stat. 1101), as amended by the acts of March 4, 1917 (39 Stat. 1197), and May 28, 1926 (44 Stat. 668; 43 U.S.C. 946) authorizes the Secretary to grant rights-of-way for irrigation and drainage purposes over public lands and reservations to the extent of the ground occupied by the water of any reservoirs and any canals and laterals and 50 feet on each side of the marginal limits thereof and such additional right-of-way as may be deemed necessary for the proper operation and maintenance of said reservoirs, canals, and laterals.

(ii) Section 19 of the act of March 3, 1891 (26 Stat. 1102; 43 U.S.C. 947), provides that a map of the canal or ditch and reservoir must be filed within twelve months after the location of ten miles of a canal if the same be upon surveyed lands, and if upon unsurveyed lands within twelve months after the survey thereof by the United States; that upon the approval thereof by the Secretary, the same shall be noted upon the record and thereafter all lands affected by such right-of-way shall be disposed of subject to such right-of-way.

(iii) Section 20 of the act of March 3, 1891 (26 Stat. 1102; 43 U.S.C. 948), provides that this act shall apply to all canals, ditches, or reservoirs theretofore or thereafter constructed, whether by corporations, individuals, or association of individuals, on the filing of the certificates and maps as therein provided; that if any section of the project is not completed within 5 years after location, the right-of-way shall be forfeited as to the uncompleted canal, ditch, or reservoir, to the extent that the same is not completed at the date of forfeiture.

(iv) Section 21 of the act of March 3, 1891 (26 Stat. 1102; 43 U.S.C. 949), provides that nothing in this act shall authorize the occupancy of such right-of-way except for the purpose for which it was approved, and then only so far as may be necessary for the construction, maintenance, and care of the project.

(v) The act of March 3, 1891, as amended, is applicable to rights-of-way for pipelines, flumes, or other conduits, although they are not specifically mentioned in the act, if water is conveyed primarily for irrigation or drainage purposes.

(vi) Material on adjacent lands: The word "adjacent", as used in section 18 of the act, in connection with the right to take material for construction from the public lands, must be construed according to the conditions of each case (28 L.D. 439). The right extends only to construction, and no public timber or material may be taken or used for repair or improvements (14 L.D. 566). These decisions were rendered under the Railroad Right-of-Way Act of March 3, 1875 (18 Stat. 482; 43 U.S.C. 934), and are applied to the act of March 3, 1891, since the wording with respect to the use of material is the same.

(2) *Use subsidiary to main purpose of irrigation.* Section 2 of the act of May 11, 1898 (30 Stat. 404; 43 U.S.C. 951), authorizes the use of rights-of-way approved under the act of March 3, 1891, for purposes subsidiary to the main purpose of irrigation.

(3) *Caretaker's building sites.* The act of March 1, 1921 (41 Stat. 1194; 43 U.S.C. 950), authorizes the Secretary, except as to lands within national forests, to grant permits or easements for not to exceed 5 acres of ground adjoining the right-of-way at each of the locations, to be determined by the Secretary, to be used for the erection thereon of dwellings or other buildings or corrals for the convenience of those engaged in the care and management of the works provided for by the act of March 3, 1891, as amended.

(4) *Showing required for additional right-of-way.* The act of May 28, 1926, (44 Stat. 668; 43 U.S.C. 946), amended section 18 of the act of March 3, 1891, so as to authorize, if needed, a right-of-way additional to the 50 feet allowed by the section for operation and maintenance of reservoirs, canals, ditches, and laterals. To obtain such additional right-of-way, an explanatory showing must accompany the application. This should consist of a statement by the applicant's engineer or surveyor setting forth succinctly the extent of the additional right-of-way required and the necessity therefor. The additional right-of-way should also be shown graphically by lateral limit lines on the map filed in connection with the application. If additional right-of-way is wanted only for portions or sections of the reservoirs, canals, ditches, or laterals, the termini thereof should be fixed by engineer's survey stations in addition to the lateral limit lines.

(b) *Procedure when unsurveyed land is involved.* (1) Maps filed under the said act, as amended, showing canals, ditches, laterals, and reservoirs lying partly upon unsurveyed land can be approved if the application and accompanying maps conform to these regulations, but the approval will only relate to that portion of the right-of-way traversing the surveyed land.

(2) Maps showing canals, ditches, laterals, and reservoirs lying wholly on unsurveyed lands may be received and placed on file in the Bureau of Land Management for general information. The date of filing will be noted thereon; but the maps will not be approved as the act makes no provision for the approval of any but maps showing locations on surveyed lands. The filing of such maps will not dispense with the filing of maps after the survey of the lands and within the time specified in the act, and if the maps are regular in all respects they will receive the manager's approval.

(3) By letter of August 21, 1937, approved by the Department in the case of the Twin Lakes Reservoir and Canal Company (Denver 045465), it was held that a right-of-way may be acquired under the 1891 act, by actual construction of a project in advance of the filing of an application and approval of the right-of-way over unsurveyed lands, upon the same principle applied to railroads under the act of March 3, 1875 (18 Stat. 482; 43 U.S.C. 934–939).

(c) *Segregated reservoir sites.* The act of February 26, 1897 (29 Stat. 599; 43 U.S.C. 664), permits the approval of applications under the act of March 3, 1891, for rights-of-way upon reservoir sites reserved under authority of the act of October 2, 1888 (25 Stat. 526; 43 U.S.C. 662), and August 30, 1890 (26 Stat. 371, 391; 43 U.S.C. 662).

(d) *Rights-of-way not allowed on certain lands.* (1) In *Hugh S. Ritter, Thomas M. Bunn* (A–30415), decided February 24, 1965, the Under Secretary of the Interior ruled that "it would be contrary to the public interest at this time to increase the pressure on the inadequate water supply available for use in California from the Colorado River by classifying * * * public lands as available for disposition under the desert land law." The lands referred to were in Imperial and Riverside Counties, Calif.

(2) For the reasons stated in the Ritter-Bunn decision, supra, it is contrary to the public interest to permit the use of federally owned lands within Imperial and Riverside Counties for the construction of canals and ditches in order to effect agricultural reclamation with water from the Colorado River of desert lands in those counties. Therefore, no applications for rights-of-way for this purpose under the provisions of the Act of March 3, 1891, as amended, will be allowed or permitted on federally owned lands within Imperial and Riverside Counties, Calif., unless the applicant shows that the water to be carried is from a source other than the Colorado River.

§ 2234.3–2 For watering livestock (Act of January 13, 1897, as amended).

(a) *Authority.* (1) By the act of January 13, 1897 (29 Stat. 484; 43 U.S.C. 952–955), it is provided that any person, livestock company, or transportation corporation engaged in breeding, grazing, driving, or transporting livestock may construct reservoirs upon unoccupied public lands of the United States, not mineral or otherwise reserved, for the purpose of furnishing water to such livestock, and shall have control of such reservoir, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, and the lands upon which the same is constructed, not exceeding 160 acres, so long

as such reservoir is maintained and water kept therein for such purpose. The act does not apply to lands in grazing districts, and applications for stock-watering reservoirs on such lands should be filed under section 4 of the Taylor Grazing Act (48 Stat. 1271; 43 U.S.C. sec. 315c) and Part 4110 of this chapter.

(2) Section 1 of the act of January 13, 1897, as amended by the act of March 3, 1923 (42 Stat. 1437; 43 U.S.C. 952), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior, in his discretion, under such rules, regulations, and conditions as he may prescribe, upon application by such person, company, or corporation, to grant permission to fence reservoirs constructed under the act of January 13, 1897, in order to protect livestock, to conserve water, and to preserve its quality and conditions, provided, that such reservoir shall be kept open to the free use of any persons desiring to water animals of any kind.

(b) *Declaratory statement*—(1) *Form of application.* To apply for a reservoir site under this section, the applicant must file with the manager a declaratory statement drawn in accordance with Form 7, Appendix B together with a nonrefundable application service fee of $10. No other application is necessary.

(2) *Action on declaratory statements; size, location, and number of reservoir sites.* In acting upon these statements the following general rules will be applied:

(i) No reservation will be made for a reservoir of less than 250,000 gallons capacity, and for a reservoir of less than 500,000 gallons capacity, not more than 40 acres can be reserved. For a reservoir of 500,000 gallons and less than 1,000,000 gallons capacity, not more than 80 acres can be reserved. For reservoir of 1,000,000 gallons and less than 1,500,000 gallons capacity, not more than 120 acres can be reserved. For a reservoir of 1,500,000 gallons capacity or more, 160 acres may be reserved. In the case where the water is furnished the livestock by artificial means, such as by windmill, pump, tanks, and troughs, the regulations requiring a minimum capacity of 250,000 gallons may be waived upon the claimant's submitting a satisfactory showing that by such artificial means he will be able to furnish sufficient water and provide proper troughs and facilities to properly accommodate all cattle likely to water at the place in question.

(ii) Not more than 160 acres shall be reserved for this purpose in any section.

(iii) Not more than 160 acres shall be reserved for this purpose in one group of tracts adjoining or cornering upon each other.

(iv) A distance of one-half mile must be left between any two groups of tracts which aggregate more than 160 acres.

(v) Lands so reserved shall be kept open to the free use of any person desiring to water animals of any kind. If the lands so reserved are not kept open to the free use of any person desiring to water animals of any kind, or if the reservoir applicant attempts to use them for any other purpose, or if the reservation is not obtained for the bona fide and exclusive purpose of constructing and maintaining a reservoir thereon according to law, the declaratory statement, upon any such matter being made to appear, will be canceled and all rights thereunder be declared at an end.

(vi) Notwithstanding his action in accepting any such declaratory statement, the manager will reject the same if upon considering the matters set forth therein it appears that the declaratory statement is not filed in good faith for the sole purpose of accomplishing what the law authorizes to be done.

(c) *Time for construction.* The reservoir must be constructed and completed within 2 years after the filing of the declaratory statement; otherwise the right-of-way will be subject to cancellation.

(d) *Map of constructed reservoir.* After the construction and completion of the reservoir the applicant shall have the same accurately surveyed and mapped showing its location with relation to the public land surveys. The map must be prepared in accordance with the requirements of § 2234.1–2(d) and be filed with the manager and must bear Forms 8 and 9, Appendix B.

(e) *Approval of constructed project*—(1) *Adjudication and notation of records.* The map and papers will be examined to determine whether they comply with the law and the regulations, and whether the amount of land desired is warranted by the showing made in the application. If found satisfactory, they will be approved, and the lands shown to be necessary for the proper use and enjoyment of the reservoir will be reserved from other disposition so long as the reservoir is maintained and water kept therein for the purposes named in the act. When such reservation is made the manager will make the proper notations on his records.

(2) *Annual proof of maintenance.* In order that this reservation shall be continued, it is necessary that the reservoir "shall be kept in repair and water kept therein." For this reason the owner of the reservoir will be required, during the month of January of each year to file with the manager a

statement to the effect that the reservoir has been kept in repair and water kept therein during the preceding year, and that all the provisions of the act have been complied with. Form 10 Appendix B will be used for this statement. Upon failure to file such statement, steps will be taken looking to the revocation of the reservation of the lands.

(f) *Procedure when unsurveyed land is involved.* (1) In any case where the proposed reservoir is to be located upon unsurveyed public land, the declaratory statement may be filed, the land being therein described by metes and bounds and, as well, by the description which it is believed it will bear when officially surveyed. Proof of construction must be submitted at the end of the same period of time and in the same manner as is prescribed and required in cases where the lands have been previously surveyed. Such proof should embrace the field notes and a plat of survey such as is required in cases of reservoirs on surveyed lands, with such modifications as are necessary. (See paragraph (d) of this section.)

(2) Any reservation made pursuant to the act of January 13, 1897, secures only a license to use and occupy the reserved land with and for a reservoir, and this license may endure permanently or may be of transient duration. No estate in the land is granted. For this reason it is administratively undesirable that private surveys made pursuant to the statute and this section shall be preserved and established by subsequent public-land surveys and approved plats thereof. Therefore, when the public-land surveys have been extended over land covered by a reservoir declaratory statement affecting unsurveyed lands, the declarant shall adjust his survey to the line of the official survey showing the location of the reservoir with respect to said lines by means of properly established tie lines. Any subsequent reservation which may be ordered will be of those subdivisions or aliquot parts of subdivisions thus shown to be occupied by or necessary for the proper use of the reservoir.

(3) An annual statement of maintenance must be submitted the same as though the reservoir had been constructed on surveyed lands. Nothing in this section shall preclude the Bureau of Land Management from requiring additional information in any case where that information is deemed proper or necessary.

(g) *Application to fence reservoir; plat required.* Any person, company, or corporation desiring to secure the benefits of the act of March 3, 1923, should file in accordance with § 2234.1–2(a), an application, duly corroborated by at least two disinterested witnesses, setting forth such facts as would show that it is necessary to fence such reservoir in order to protect the livestock, to conserve water, and to preserve its quality and conditions. There should be filed with such application, and as a part thereof, a plat showing the land embraced in the reservoir as near as may be, the location of the proposed fence with respect to such reservoir, together with all gates or other openings and roadways leading to the same. In no instance will an application be considered unless said plat shows the location of at least two gates. Said gates shall be so constructed and maintained that they may be, at all times, readily opened and closed by any person desiring to water animals of any kind, and such gates shall be so placed as to be readily accessible from the road or roads nearest the reservoir, which roads shall be the ones usually traveled and, where there are no such roads to govern the location of such gates, they shall be so situated as to make the reservoir readily available from the adjacent public or other range. There shall be posted on the gates, and elsewhere if necessary, a notice stating that the reservoir is for stock-watering purposes, located on public lands, and that the same is open to the free use of any person desiring to water animals of any kind.

§ 2234.4 For telephone and telegraph lines, transmission lines, radio and television sites, and water facilities.

§ 2234.4–1 Under Acts of February 15, 1901 and March 4, 1911.

(a) *Statutory authority.* (1) The act of February 15, 1901 (31 Stat. 790; 43 U.S.C. 959), authorizes the Secretary, under such regulations as he may fix, to permit the use of rights-of-way through public lands and certain reservations of the United States, for electrical plants, poles, and lines for the generation and distribution of electrical power, and for telephone and telegraph purposes, and for pipe lines, canals, ditches, water plants, and other purposes to the extent of the ground occupied by such canals, ditches, water plants, or other works permitted thereunder and not to exceed 50 feet on each side of the marginal limits thereof, or not to exceed 50 feet on each side of the center line of such pipe lines, telephone and telegraph lines, and transmission lines, by any citizen, association, or corporation of the United States, where it is intended by such to exercise the use permitted under the act.

(2) The act of March 4, 1911 (36 Stat. 1253; 43 U.S.C. 961), as amended, authorizes the head of the department having jurisdiction over the lands, under

general regulations fixed by him, to grant an easement for rights-of-way for a period not exceeding 50 years, over and across public lands and reservations of the United States, for poles and lines for the transmission and distribution of electrical power, and for poles and lines for communication purposes and for radio, television and other forms of communication transmitting, relay and receiving structures and facilities to the extent of 200 feet on each side of the center line of such lines and poles and not to exceed four hundred feet by four hundred feet for superstructures and facilities to any citizen, association, or corporation of the United States, where it is intended by such to exercise the use permitted under the act.

(3) The applicability of the acts of February 15, 1901, and March 4, 1911, to rights-of-way for power purposes over public lands, was superseded by the Federal Power Act of June 10, 1920 (41 Stat. 1063), as amended by sections 201 to 213 inclusive, of the act of August 26, 1935 (49 Stat. 838; 16 U.S.C. 791–825r), as to power projects for the generation and transmission of hydroelectric power, defined in section 3(11) of the act, excepting distribution lines. Applications for hydroelectric power plant sites or rights-of-way for main or primary hydroelectric power transmission lines must be made to the Federal Power Commission, Washington, D.C., under the act of June 10, 1920, as amended. Rights-of-way for transmission lines which are not primary lines must be secured under the act of February 15, 1901, or the act of March 4, 1911. See 18 CFR 2.2.

(4) The opinion of the Solicitor of the Department of the Interior of November 1, 1940 (M. 30846), held that lands acquired by the United States, by purchase or otherwise, were reservation lands within the meaning of the acts of February 15, 1901, and March 4, 1911.

(b) *Procedures*—(1) *Applications for lands in national forests and other reservations.* (i) Applications under the act of February 15, 1901, for rights-of-way across national forests should be prepared in accordance with the regulations issued by the Department of Agriculture and submitted to the proper officer thereof. In case a right-of-way is desired upon public lands partly within and partly without a national forest, separate applications must be prepared, and the one affecting lands within the national forest filed with the forest officer, and the other filed in accordance with § 2234.1–2(a). (See section 1 of the act of February 1, 1905 (33 Stat. 628; 16 U.S.C. 472).)

(ii) Applications for a right-of-way under the act of March 4, 1911, involving lands under the control of a department or agency other than the Department of the Interior should be prepared in accordance with the regulations issued by such department or agency and submitted to the proper officer thereof. (See 29 Op. Atty. Gen. 303.)

(2) *Applications which may be submitted under the acts of February 15, 1901, and March 4, 1911.* (i) All applications where it is sought to acquire a right-of-way for the main purpose of irrigation, as contemplated by sections 18 to 21 of the act of March 3, 1891 (26 Stat. 1101; 43 U.S.C. 946–949), and section 2 of the act of May 11, 1898 (30 Stat. 404; 43 U.S.C. 951), must be submitted under the 1891 and 1898 acts, in accordance with the applicable regulations in this part.

(ii) An application may be filed under the act of February 15, 1901, for a stock-watering reservoir site. Rights-of-way will not be approved for stock-watering reservoirs on wildlife refuges. An application under the act for a "water plant" site or for a pipeline right-of-way may include an area for a well to supply the water; but if, because the lands affected are within a grazing district established under the Taylor Grazing Act of June 28, 1934 (43 Stat. 1269; 43 U.S.C. 315 et seq.), as amended, or for any other reason, the granting of a right-of-way for a stock-watering reservoir site, or for a water plant site or for a pipeline would adversely affect the interest of the Government, the application therefor will not be allowed. If the lands affected are within a grazing district, an application for a stock-watering reservoir or water well site should be filed under section 4 of said act of June 28, 1934, if the applicant is qualified under the section and if the reservoir or well is necessary to the care and management of the permitted livestock and primarily for that purpose. Regulations under the said section 4 are contained in § 4115.2–5(a) of this chapter.

(iii) Applications for rights-of-way for telephone, telegraph, and power transmission lines may also be submitted under either the act of February 15, 1901, or the act of March 4, 1911, in accordance with the applicable regulations contained in this part. Applications for radio, television and other forms of communication transmitting, relay and receiving structures and facilities should be submitted under the act of March 4, 1911, as amended.

(iv) Any application under the act of March 4, 1911 for a line right-of-way in

excess of 100 feet in width or for a structure or facility right-of-way of over 10,000 square feet must state the reasons why the larger right-of-way is required. Rights-of-way will not be issued in excess of such sizes in the absence of a satisfactory showing of the need therefor.

(3) *Plant sites; buildings to be platted on maps.* (i) When an application is made for a right-of-way for a site for a water plant or for a communication structure or facility, the location and extent of ground proposed to be occupied by buildings or other structures necessary to be used in connection therewith must be clearly designated on the map and described on Forms 3 and 4, Appendix B by reference to course and distance from a corner of the public survey. In addition to being shown in connection with the main drawing, the buildings or other structures must be platted on the map in a separate drawing on a scale sufficiently large to show clearly their dimensions and relative positions. When two or more such proposed structures are to be located near each other, it will be sufficient to give the reference to a corner of the public survey for one of them, provided all the others are connected therewith by course and distance shown on the map. The application must also state the proposed use of each structure, and must show definitely that each one is necessary for a proper use of the right-of-way for the purpose contemplated in the act of February 15, 1901. If the right-of-way is within reservation lands which are not covered by the public land surveys, the map shall be made in terms of the boundary survey of the reservation to the extent it would be required above to be made in terms of the public land survey.

(ii) If the application is for a powerplant site it must also contain a statement giving a description of the proposed powerplant including the number and capacity of prime movers and generators proposed to be installed, initially and ultimately, together with similar pertinent information about any substations included in the project and whether the powerplant is to be interconnected with other generating facilities owned by the applicant or others; and whether the power generated is to be sold to others at wholesale or retail or used by the applicant for its own domestic, agricultural, or industrial purposes.

(4) *Transmission lines.* When an application is made for a right-of-way for a transmission line, it must also contain the following:

(i) A description of the plant or connecting generating plants which generate or will generate the power to be transmitted over such line, such description to be in sufficient detail to show, to the satisfaction of the authorized officer, the character, capacity, and location of such plants.

(ii) A description of the transmission line of which the line for which a right-of-way is requested forms a part, giving in reasonable detail the points between which it will extend, its characteristics and purpose. There must also be included a statement as to the voltage for which the line is designed and at which it is to be operated initially, and a statement as to whether it is to serve a single customer, or a number of customers, or is intended to transmit power solely for the applicant's use. If the line is to serve a single customer or is for the applicant's own use, the nature of such use must be given (such as airway beacon, coal mine, and irrigation pumps).

(iii) The application and maps shall specify the width of the right-of-way desired. Rights-of-way for power lines will be limited to 50 feet on each side of the centerline unless sufficient justification is furnished for a greater width and it is otherwise authorized by law.

(iv) If the line is to have a nominal voltage of 33 kilovolts or over, the application should include a one-line diagram of the proposed line and the immediate interconnecting facilities including power plants and substations, a power flow diagram for proposed line and connecting major lines showing conditions under normal use, and typical structure drawings of proposed line showing construction dimensions and list of materials.

(c) *Terms and conditions.* By accepting a right-of-way for a power transmission line, the applicant thereby agrees and consents to comply with and be bound by the following terms and conditions, excepting those which the Secretary may waive in a particular case, in addition to those specified in § 2234.1–3(c).

(1) To protect in a workmanlike manner, at crossings and at places in proximity to his transmission lines on the right-of-way authorized, in accordance with the rules prescribed in the National Electric Safety Code, all Government and other telephone, telegraph, and power transmission lines from contact, and all highways and railroads from obstruction, and to maintain his transmission lines in such manner as not to menace life or property.

(2) Neither the privilege nor the right to occupy or use the lands for the purpose authorized shall relieve him of any legal liability for causing inductive or conductive interference between any project transmission line or other project works constructed, operated, or maintained by him on the servient lands, and any radio installation, telephone line, or other communication facilities now or hereafter constructed and operated by the United States or any agency thereof.

(3) Each application for authority to survey, locate, commence construction work and maintain a facility for the generation of electric power and energy or for the transmission or distribution of

electric power and energy of 33 kilovolts or higher under this subpart shall be referred by the authorized officer to the Secretary of the Interior to determine the relationship of the proposed facility to the power-marketing program of the United States. Where the proposed facility will not conflict with the program of the United States the authorized officer, upon notification to that effect, will proceed to act upon the application. In the case of necessary changes respecting the proposed location, construction, or utilization of the facility in order to eliminate conflicts with the power-marketing program of the United States, the authorized officer shall obtain from the applicant written consent to or compliance with such requirements before taking further action on the application: *Provided, however,* That if increased costs to the applicant will result from changes to eliminate conflicts with the power-marketing program of the United States, and it is determined that a right-of-way should be granted, such changes will be required upon equitable contract arrangements covering costs and other appropriate factors.

(4) The applicant shall make provision, or bear the reasonable cost (as may be determined by the Secretary) of making provision for avoiding inductive or conductive interference between any transmission facility or other works constructed, operated, or maintained by it on the right-of-way authorized under the grant and any radio installation, telephone line, or other communication facilities existing when the right-of-way is authorized or any such installation, line or facility thereafter constructed or operated by the United States or any agency thereof. This provision shall not relieve the applicant from any responsibility or requirement which may be imposed by other lawful authority for avoiding or eliminating inductive or conductive interference.

(5) An applicant for a right-of-way for a transmission facility having a voltage of 33 kilovolts or more must, in addition to the requirements of § 2234.1–2, execute and file with its application a stipulation agreeing to accept the right-of-way grant subject to the following conditions:

(i) In the event the United States, pursuant to law, acquires the applicant's transmission or other facilities constructed on or across such right-of-way, the price to be paid by the United States shall not include or be affected by any value of the right-of-way granted to the applicant under authority of the regulations of this part.

(ii) The Department of the Interior shall be allowed to utilize for the transmission of electric power and energy any surplus capacity of the transmission facility in excess of the capacity needed by the holder of the grant (subsequently referred to in this paragraph as "holder") for the transmission of electric power and energy in connection with the holder's operations, or to increase the capacity of the transmission facility at the Department's expense and to utilize the increased capacity for the transmission of electric power and energy. Utilization by the Department of surplus or increased capacity shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

(*a*) When the Department desires to utilize surplus capacity thought to exist in the transmission facility, notification will be given to the holder and the holder shall furnish to the Department within 30 days a certificate stating whether the transmission facility has any surplus capacity not needed by the holder for the transmission of electric power and energy in connection with the holder's operations and, if so, the amount of such surplus capacity.

(*b*) Where the certificate indicates that there is no surplus capacity or that the surplus capacity is less than that required by the Department the authorized officer may call upon the holder to furnish additional information upon which its certification is based. Upon receipt of such additional information the authorized officer shall determine, as a matter of fact, if surplus capacity is available and, if so, the amount of such surplus capacity.

(*c*) In order to utilize any surplus capacity determined to be available, or any increased capacity provided by the Department at its own expense, the Department may interconnect its transmission facilities with the holder's transmission facility in a manner conforming to approved standards of practice for the interconnection of transmission circuits.

(*d*) The expense of interconnection will be borne by the Department, and the Department will at all times provide and maintain adequate protective equipment to insure the normal and efficient operation of the holder's transmission facilities.

(*e*) After any interconnection is completed, the holder shall operate and maintain its transmission facilities in good condition, and, except in emergencies, shall maintain in a closed position all connections under the holder's control necessary to the transmission of the Department's power and energy over the holder's transmission facilities. The parties may by mutual consent open any switch where necessary or desirable for maintenance, repair or construction.

(*f*) The transmission of electric power and energy by the Department over the holder's transmission facilities will be effected in such manner, as will not interfere unreasonably with the holder's use

of the transmission facilities in accordance with the holder's normal operating standards, except that the Department shall have the exclusive right to utilize any increased capacity of the transmission facility which has been provided at the Department's expense.

(*g*) The holder will not be obligated to allow the transmission of electric power and energy by the Department to any person receiving service from the holder on the date of the filing of the application for a grant, other than statutory preference customers including agencies of the Federal Government.

(*h*) The Department will pay to the holder an equitable share of the total monthly cost of that part of the holder's transmission facilities utilized by the Department for the transmission of electric power and energy, the payment to be an amount in dollars representing the same proportion of the total monthly cost of such part of the transmission facilities as the maximum amount in kilowatts of the power transmitted on a scheduled basis by the Department over the holder's transmission facilities bears to the total capacity in kilowatts of that portion of the transmission facilities. The total monthly cost will be determined in accordance with the system of accounts prescribed by the Federal Power Commission, exclusive of any investment by the Department in the part of the transmission facilities utilized by the Department.

(*i*) If, at any time subsequent to a certification by the holder or determination by the authorized officer that surplus capacity is available for utilization by the Department, the holder needs for the transmission of electric power and energy in connection with its operations the whole or any part of the capacity of the transmission facility theretofore certified or determined as being surplus to its needs, the holder may request the authorized officer to modify or revoke the previous certification or determination by making application to the authorized officer not later than 36 months in advance of the holder's needs. Any modification or revocation of the certification or determination shall not affect the right of the Department to utilize facilities provided at its expense or available under a contract entered into by reason of the equitable contract arrangements provided for in this section.

(*j*) If the Department and the holder disagree as to the existence or amount of surplus capacity in carrying out the terms and conditions of this paragraph, the disagreement shall be decided by a board of three persons composed as follows: The holder and the authorized officer shall each appoint a member of the board and the two members shall appoint a third member. If the members appointed by the holder and the authorized officer are unable to agree on the designation of the third member, he shall be designated by the Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals of the circuit in which the major share of the facilities involved is located. The board shall determine the issue and its determination, by majority vote, shall be binding on the Department and the holder.

(*k*) As used in this section, the term "transmission facility" includes (*a*) all types of facilities for the transmission of electric power and energy and facilities for the interconnection of such facilities, and (*b*) the entire transmission line and associated facilities, from substation or interconnection point to substation or interconnection point, of which the segment crossing the lands of the United States forms a part.

(*l*) The terms and conditions prescribed in this paragraph may be modified at any time by means of a supplemental agreement negotiated between the holder and the Secretary of the Interior or his designee.

(6) Application under the act of February 15, 1901, or the act of March 4, 1911, for permission to use the desired right-of-way through the public lands and reservations must be filed and approved before any rights can be claimed thereunder.

(7) Permission may be given under the act of February 15, 1901, and the act of March 4, 1911, for a right-of-way over unsurveyed lands as well as surveyed lands.

(8) Unless otherwise specified in a right-of-way granted under the act of March 4, 1911, and unless sooner canceled, the right-of-way shall expire 50 years from the date thereof. If, however, within the period of 1 year prior to the expiration date, the grantee shall file, in accordance with § 2234.1–2(a), a written application to renew the right-of-way, and shall agree to comply with all the laws and regulations existing at such expiration date governing the occupancy and use of the lands of the United States for the purpose desired, the right-of-way may be renewed for a period of not to exceed 50 years. If such application is filed, the existing right-of-way will be extended subject to then existing and future rules and regulations, pending consideration of the application.

§ 2234.4–2 Boulder Canyon Project.

Section 5(d) of the Boulder Canyon Project Act of December 21, 1928 (45 Stat. 1057; 43 U.S.C. 617d), authorizes the use by any agency receiving a contract for the purchase of electrical energy from Boulder Canyon Project of such public and reserved lands of the United States as may be necessary or convenient for the construction, operation, and maintenance of main transmission lines to transmit said electrical energy.

§ 2234.5 For mineral leasing purposes.

§ 2234.5–1 For oil and natural gas pipe lines and pumping plant sites under the Mineral Leasing Act.

(a) *Authority.* (1) Section 28 of the act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 449), as amended by the acts of August 21, 1935 and August 12, 1953 (49 Stat. 678; 67 Stat. 557; 30 U.S.C. 185), authorizes the Secretary to grant rights-of-way through public lands, including the forest reserves of the United States, for pipeline purposes for the transportation of oil or natural gas to any applicant possessing the qualifications provided in section 1 of the act (41 Stat. 437; 30 U.S.C. 22, 48, 181) to the extent of the ground occupied by the said pipeline and 25 feet on each side of the same under such regulations and conditions as to survey, location, application, and use as may be prescribed by him, and upon the express conditions that such pipeline, if for oil, or for natural gas and not excepted from the common carrier provisions of section 28 of the act of February 25, 1930, as amended, as stated in subparagraph (2) of this paragraph shall be constructed, operated, and maintained as a common carrier and that every pipeline holder shall accept, convey, transport, or purchase without discrimination oil or natural gas produced from Government lands in the vicinity of the pipeline in such proportionate amount as the Secretary of the Interior may, after a full hearing, with due notice thereof to the interested parties, and a proper finding of facts, determine to be reasonable.

(2) The amendatory act of August 12, 1953, cited in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph provides that the common carrier provisions of section 28 of the act of February 25, 1920, shall not apply to any natural gas pipeline operated by any person subject to regulation under the Natural Gas Act (52 Stat. 821; 15 U.S.C. 717w) or by any public utility subject to regulation by a State or municipal regulatory agency having jurisdiction to regulate the rates and charges for the sale of natural gas to consumers within the State or municipality.

(3) By opinion of the Attorney General of January 3, 1941 (40 Op. Atty. Gen. 9), and departmental decision, Chiles P. Plummer, A–23988, February 24, 1945, this statute was construed as not applying to purchase or acquired lands as they are not considered public lands within the meaning of the act.

(b) *Common carrier stipulation.* Each application for a pipeline right-of-way, if for oil, or for natural gas and the pipeline has not been excepted from the common carrier provisions of section 28 of the act of February 25, 1920, as amended, as stated in paragraph (a) (2) of this section, must include the following stipulation:

> The applicant agrees to operate the pipeline as a common carrier in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act, and, within 30 days after the request of the Secretary of the Interior, to file rate schedule and tariff for the transportation of oil or gas, as the case may be, as such common carrier with any regulatory agency having jurisdiction over such transportation, as the Secretary may prescribe.

(c) *Use of pipeline.* The applicant shall state in the application the specific use, within the purview of the act, to which the pipeline is to be put, and any approval of the right-of-way shall be limited to such use, unless otherwise stated in the approval. No change in the use of the pipeline from that authorized by the approval of the right-of-way shall be allowed except as follows:

(1) In the case of pipelines engaged in interstate transportation, a change may be made only with approval first obtained from the authorized officer, and upon such terms and conditions as he may prescribe as a prerequisite to the approval of the change of use. If the authorized officer does not disapprove or otherwise act upon an application for a change in use by the end of the forty-fifth day after the application is filed, he shall be deemed to have approved it without conditions other than those previously existing.

(2) In case of pipelines engaged solely in intrastate transportation, a change may be made by the grantee in the use of pipeline for the transportation of products with the purview of the act, from that specified in the approval of the right-of-way, provided, written notice of such change is filed with the manager not less than 15 days in advance of the actual change of use. Such notice must be accompanied by a showing as to whether the change in use is to be temporary or permanent, and a statement that such change will not result in any hardship or injustice to persons operating under Federal leases who may be dependent on the pipeline as the means of transportation of their products to existing markets, and must be accompanied by the consent in writing of such lessees to the change of use.

(d) *Approval of right-of-way.* The approval of such right-of-way shall be subject to the express conditions that the use of the pipeline for the transportation of oil, gas, or other similar products, shall be limited to such products produced in conformity with State and Federal laws, including laws prohibiting waste.

(e) *Pumping plant site.* A site for a pumping station or other structures reasonably necessary to the operation of

a pipeline on a right-of-way approved under section 28 of the act of February 25, 1920, or as amended by the act of August 21, 1935, may be granted under the same sections (36 Op. Atty. Gen. 480). When an application is made for a right-of-way for a site, the location and extent of ground proposed to be occupied by buildings or other structures necessary to be used in connection therewith must be clearly designated on the map and described on Forms 3 and 4, Appendix B by reference to course and distance from a corner of the public survey. In addition to being shown in connection with the main drawing, the buildings or other structures must be platted on the map in a separate drawing on a scale sufficiently large to show clearly their dimensions and relative positions. When two or more such proposed structures are to be located near each other, it will be sufficient to give the reference to a corner of the public survey for one of them, provided all the others are connected therewith by course and distance shown on the map. The application must also state the proposed use of each structure, and must show definitely that each one is necessary for a proper use of the right-of-way for the purpose contemplated in the act.

§ 2234.5–2 Over lands subject to mineral lease.

(a) *Authority; applications.* (1) Section 29 of the act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 449, 30 U.S.C. 186), provides in part:

(i) That any permit, lease, occupation, or use permitted under this act shall reserve to the Secretary of the Interior the right to permit upon such terms as he may determine to be just, for joint or several use, such easements or rights-of-way, including easements in tunnels upon, through, or in the lands leased, occupied, or used as may be necessary or appropriate to the working of the same, or of other lands containing the deposits described in this act, and the treatment and shipment of the products thereof by or under authority of the Government, its lessees, or permittees, and for other public purposes.

(ii) Where another statutory provision covers the type of right-of-way desired, applications shall be made in accordance with such statute and the applicable regulations.

(iii) Where there is no other statutory provision covering the type of right-of-way desired, applications shall be filed in accordance with §§ 2234.1–1 to 2234.1–6 inclusive.

§ 2234.5–3 For pipe lines on the Outer Continental Shelf (Act of August 7, 1953).

(a) *Purpose and authority.* (1) Section 5(c) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of August 7, 1953 (67 Stat. 464), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to grant rights-of-way for pipeline purposes for the transportation of oil and gas. The purpose of the regulations in this part is to set forth the rules governing the granting and administration of such rights-of-way. The inclusion of this part in this title shall not be construed as an interpretation that the laws and regulations pertaining to public lands or to rights-of-way thereon are applicable to the submerged lands of the Outer Continental Shelf.

(2) Compliance with the regulations of this part does not obviate the necessity of compliance with requirements and regulations of the Department of the Army and the Coast Guard with respect to prevention of obstruction to navigation, lights, and warning devices, and other matters relating to safety of life and property, as authorized by section 4 of the act.

(b) *Definitions.* (1) "Secretary" means Secretary of the Interior.

(2) "Director" means Director, Bureau of Land Management.

(3) "Manager" means the officer in charge of the local office of the Bureau of Land Management.

(4) "Right-of-way" includes the site on which the pipe line and associated structures are situated which shall not exceed 200 feet in width for pipe lines and be limited to the area reasonably necessary for pumping stations or other accessory structures. It does not include gathering lines and associated structures constructed for the purpose of conveying production for gathering, storage, or treating of the production from a lease or leases. The construction of gathering lines may be approved by the Oil and Gas Supervisor in accordance with the provisions of 30 CFR 250.18 and 250.68.

(c) *Procedures*—(1) *Application*—(i) *Form and requirements.* No special form of application is required. The application should be filed in duplicate and should be in typewritten form or legible handwriting. It must specify that it is made pursuant to the act and these regulations and that applicant agrees that the right-of-way if approved will be subject to the terms and conditions of the regulations in this part. It should also state the primary purpose for which the right-of-way is to be used. The application must be filed in duplicate at the office of the Manager. If the right-of-way has been utilized prior to the time the application is made, the application must state the date such utilization commenced and by whom, and the date applicant obtained control of the improvements. A filing fee of $10 and the rental required herein under subparagraph (4)(v) of this paragraph, must accompany the application.

(ii) *Map showing survey.* Each copy of the application must be accompanied by a map , showing the center line of the

right-of-way, properly identified so that the right-of-way may be accurately located by a competent engineer. The map should comply with the following requirements:

(*a*) The scale shall be at least 1:160,000.

(*b*) Courses and distances of the center line of the right-of-way shall be given either on the margin of the map or on an attached sheet or sheets with the courses referred to the true or grid meridian, either by deflection from a line of known bearing or by independent observation and calculated distances in feet and decimals.

(*c*) The total distance and width of the right-of-way shall be given, and the diameter of the pipe line specified.

(*d*) The initial and terminal points of the right-of-way shall be accurately located by latitude and longitude or by grid references.

(*e*) Each copy of the map shall bear upon its face a statement of the engineer who made the map that the right-of-way is accurately represented upon the map

(2) *Persons qualified to acquire and hold rights-of-way.* (i) Applications may be filed by citizens of the United States, associations of such citizens, and by corporations organized under the laws of the United States or of any State or Territory thereof.

(ii) An individual and each member of an association applying for a right-of-way must state in the application whether he is a native-born or naturalized citizen of the United States.

(iii) (*a*) A private corporation must file a certified copy of its charter or articles of incorporation.

(*b*) A corporation other than a private one must file a copy of the law under which it was organized and proof of its organization.

(*c*) A copy of the resolution or bylaws of the corporation authorizing the filing of the application or a certificate of the Secretary or an assistant Secretary of the corporation under the corporate seal certifying that the officer executing the application has authority to do so, must be filed. If the application is filed by an attorney-in-fact a certified copy of the resolution of the Board of Directors authorizing his appointment and an executed copy of the power of attorney must be filed.

(*d*) If the corporation has previously filed any or all of the papers required in (*a*), (*b*), and (*c*) of this subdivision, specific reference to such filing giving date, place, and case number will be accepted as full compliance with such requirements.

(3) *Consent of or notice to lessee or right-of-way holder of area crossed or invaded by right-of-way.* An applicant must show the extent to which the right-of-way applied for invades or crosses mineral leases or rights-of-way other than his own and must submit with his application either the written consent of each lessee or right-of-way holder whose lease or right-of-way is so affected or a statement that he has delivered to each lessee or right-of-way holder whose lease or right-of-way is so affected personally or by registered or certified mail a copy of the application and map. If the statement is filed no final action will be taken on the right-of-way application until 15 days have elapsed after the date of service of such papers, in order to afford the parties concerned ample opportunity to file protests against granting of the right-of-way.

(4) *Terms and conditions.* An applicant by accepting a right-of-way grant, agrees and consents to comply with and be bound by the following terms and conditions, accepting those which the Secretary may waive in a particular case:

(i) To comply with all existing regulations and with all existing and future regulations which the Secretary determines to be necessary and proper in order to provide for the prevention of waste and conservation of the natural resources of the outer Continental Shelf and the protection of correlative rights therein.

(ii) To pay the United States or its lessees or right-of-way holders, as the case may be, the full value for all damages to the property of the United States or its said lessees or right-of-way holders, and to indemnify the United States against any and all liability for damages to life, person, or property arising from the occupation and use of the area covered by the right-of-way.

(iii) To keep the Director informed at all times of his address, and, if a corporation, of the address of its principal place of business and the name and address of the officer or agent authorized to receive service of notice. That in the construction, operation, and maintenance of the project, he shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, or national origin and shall require an identical provision in all subcontracts.

(iv) That the allowance of the right-of-way shall be subject to the express condition that the rights granted will not prevent or interfere in any way with the management, administration of, or the granting either prior or subsequent to the right-of-way grant of other rights by the United States in the submerged lands affected thereby, and that he agrees and consents to the occupancy and use by the United States or its lessees or other right-of-way holders of any part of the right-of-way not actually occupied or necessarily incident to its use for any necessary operations involved in such management, administration or the enjoyment of such other granted rights.

(v) To pay for the first calendar year or fraction thereof, and thereafter annually in advance an annual rental of $5 for each mile or fraction thereof traversed by the right-of-way and $50 for each area applied for as the site for a pumping station or other accessory to the right-of-way. Payments required herein may be annual, for a 5-year period or for multiples of such period.

(vi) That upon revocation or termination of the right-of-way, unless the requirement is waived in writing by the Manager, he shall, so far as reasonably possible, restore the area of the right-of-way to its original condition.

(d) *Approval of right-of-way.* If the application and other required information are found to be in compliance with the law and regulations and the consents required by paragraph (c) (3) of this section have been obtained or any protests filed as therein provided have been rejected, the right-of-way will be granted. If the right-of-way as applied for would cross any area withdrawn from disposal or restricted from exploration and operation it will be rejected unless the Federal agency in charge of withdrawn or restricted area shall give its consent to the granting of the right-of-way, but in such case the applicant upon request filed within 30 days after receipt of the rejection notice will be allowed an opportunity to file an amended application rerouting the proposed right-of-way so as to eliminate the conflict.

(e) *Term of grant.* Any right-of-way granted hereunder shall be for so long as the pipe line is maintained and used for the purpose for which the grant was made, unless otherwise expressly stated in the grant. Cessation of use temporarily shall not terminate the grant, but if the purpose of the grant ceases to exist or use of the pipe line is permanently discontinued for any reason the grant shall be subject to forfeiture.

(f) *Construction*—(1) *Proof of construction.* Failure to construct the pipe line within 5 years from the date of the grant shall be deemed to be an abandonment of the grant which will be forfeited by an appropriate proceeding. Proof of construction shall be submitted to the Manager. Such proof shall consist of a statement by the holder of the right-of-way that the pipe line has been laid and is in operation. If there is any deviation from the right-of-way as shown on the original map, the unused portion of the grant must be relinquished and maps in duplicate of the location of the right-of-way as constructed, prepared in accordance with paragraph (c) (1) of this section must be furnished as soon as possible after the deviation is determined to be necessary or advisable. Any deviation made prior to approval of such supplemental plat will be at the risk of the right-of-way holder.

(2) *Advance permission to commence construction.* Upon a satisfactory showing of the need therefor, the Director may grant permission to commence construction of a pipe line in advance of any grant of the right-of-way but such permission is not a commitment that the right-of-way will be approved and all work done thereunder prior to the granting of the right-of-way will be at the applicant's risk. No advance permission will be granted for an area or areas not subject to a right-of-way grant.

(g) *Assignment of right-of-way.* Assignment may be made of a right-of-way in whole or as to any lineal segment thereof after construction subject to the approval of the Manager. Any such assignment must be filed in duplicate accompanied by an application for approval in which the assignee must make the showing required by paragraph (c) (2) of this section and agree to the terms and conditions prescribed in paragraph (c) (4) of this section. No assignment shall be effective to transfer any rights until it is approved. A fee of $10 must accompany the application for the approval of an assignment.

(h) *Penalty for failure to comply.* As provided in the act, failure to comply with the act, regulations or any conditions prescribed by the Secretary as to the application therefor and the survey, location and width thereof and upon the express condition that such oil or gas pipe lines shall transport or purchase without discrimination, oil or natural gas produced from said submerged lands in the vicinity of the pipe line in such proportionate amounts as the Federal Power Commission, in the case of gas, and the Interstate Commerce Commission, in the case of oil, may, after a full hearing with due notice thereof to the interested parties, determine to be reasonable, taking into account, among other things conservation and the prevention of waste, be grounds for forfeiture of the grant in an appropriate, judicial proceeding instituted by the United States in any United States District Court having jurisdiction under the provisions of section 4(b) of the act. Upon relinquishment of any right-of-way or forfeiture of the grant, the right-of-way owner will be required to remove his improvement within one year from the effective date of such relinquishment or forfeiture unless otherwise provided by law or in the decree of forfeiture.

§ 2234.6 Through national forests (Act of February 1, 1905).

§ 2234.6–1 Authority.

Section 4 of the act of February 1, 1905 (33 Stat. 628; 16 U.S.C. 524), grants rights-of-way through national forests to citizens and corporations of the United States, for the construction and maintenance of dams, reservoirs, water plants,

ditches, flumes, pipes, tunnels, and canals, for municipal or mining purposes, and for the purpose of the milling and reduction of ores, during the period of the beneficial use, under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, and subject to the laws of the State or Territory in which said forests are respectively situated.

§ 2234.6–2 When construction may commence.

No construction will be allowed in national forests until an application for right-of-way has been regularly filed in accordance with §§ 2234.4–1 to 2234.1–6 and this § 2234.6 and has been approved, or unless permission for construction in advance of the right-of-way grant has been specifically given.

§ 2234.6–3 Water plant structures.

When application is made for a right-of-way for water plants, § 2234.4–1(b)(3) should be followed, with appropriate changes in the prescribed forms.

§ 2234.6–4 Procedure when unsurveyed land is involved.

Maps showing reservoirs, canals, water plants, and other structures wholly upon unsurveyed lands, will be received and acted upon in the manner prescribed for surveyed lands.

§ 2234.7 Easements on real property.

§ 2234.7–1 Authority.

The act of October 23, 1962 (76 Stat. 1129), authorizes executive agencies to grant easements for rights-of-way or other purposes in, over, or upon real property of the United States under the control of such agencies, to a State or political subdivision or agency thereof, or to any person. The authority conferred by this act is in addition to, does not affect, nor is it subject to, any other law under which an executive agency may grant easements.

§ 2234.7–2 Definitions.

As used in this section of the regulations:

(a) The word "State" means any of the States of the Union.

(b) The word "person" includes any corporation, partnership, firm, association, trust, estate, or other entity.

(c) The term "real property of the United States" excludes the public lands (including minerals, vegetative, and other resources) in the United States, including lands reserved or dedicated for national forest purposes, lands administered or supervised by the Secretary of the Interior in accordance with the act of August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535), as amended and supplemented, Indian-owned trust and restricted lands, and lands acquired by the United States primarily for fish and wildlife conservation purposes and administered by the Secretary of the Interior, lands withdrawn from the public domain primarily under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior, and lands acquired for national forest purposes.

§ 2234.7–3 Applicability of regulations.

(a) The regulations of this section do not apply to any public domain lands, nor to any acquired lands which are administered by the National Park Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. They are applicable to other acquired lands administered by the Department of the Interior in the States.

(b) Easements shall not be granted under this section if they can be granted under any other section of this subpart.

(c) In addition to meeting the requirements of this section, easements granted under this section shall meet all other requirements in this subpart relating to the use applied for, unless waived by the authorized officer.

§ 2234.7–4 Termination of easement.

(a) All easements granted under this section shall provide for the termination of the easement in whole or in part upon written notice from the authorized officer, to the grantee, or its successors or assigns, if there has been—

(1) A failure to comply with any term or condition of the grant, or

(2) A nonuse of the easement for a consecutive two-year period for the purpose for which granted, or

(3) An abandonment of the easement.

(b) The termination shall be effective as of the date of such notice.

§ 2234.8 Acquired lands in wildlife refuges.

§ 2234.8–1 Authority.

Section 401 of the Act of June 15, 1935 (49 Stat. 383; 16 U.S.C. 715s), provides that, subject to applicable regulations under the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, the grant of privileges on wildlife refuges may be made upon such terms and conditions as the Secretary shall determine to be for the best interests of government.

§ 2234.8–2 Applicability of regulations.

(a) All the general right-of-way regulations contained in § 2234.1 are applicable to rights-of-way issued under this section, to the extent they are consistent with regulations issued under the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949.

(b) Easements shall not be granted under this section if they can be granted under any other section of this subpart.

(c) In addition to meeting the requirements of this section, easements granted under this section shall meet all other requirements in this subpart relating to the use applied for, unless waived by the authorized officer.

APPENDIX A

FORMS FOR DUE PROOFS, AND VERIFICATION OF MAPS OF RIGHT OF WAY FOR RAILROADS

(Form 1)

I, _____, secretary (or president) of the _____ company, do hereby certify that the organization of said company has been completed; that the company is fully authorized to proceed with construction according to the existing laws of the State (or Territory) of _____; and that the copy of the articles of association (or incorporation) of the company filed in the Department of the Interior is a true and correct copy of the same.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my name and the corporate seal of the company.

[SEAL OF COMPANY]

_____ *of the*
(_____ *Company*)

(Form 2)

STATE OF _____
County of _____, *ss:*

I, _____ do certify that I am the president of the _____ company, and that the following is a true list of the officers of the said company, with the full name and official designation of such, to wit: (here insert the full name and official designation of each officer.)

[SEAL OF COMPANY]

_____
(*President of Company*)

(Form 3)

STATE OF _____
County of _____, *ss:*

_____ _____, Being duly sworn, says he is the chief engineer of (or is the person employed to make the survey by) the _____ company; that the survey of the said company's line of railroad described as follows: (here describe the line of route as required by section 10), a length of _____ miles, was made by him (or under his direction) as chief engineer of (or as surveyor employed by) the company and under its authority, commencing on the _____ day of _____, 19__, and ending on the _____ day of _____, 19__; and that the survey of the said line is accurately represented on this map and by the accompanying field notes.

_____
_____

Sworn and subscribed to before me this _____ day of _____ 19__.

[SEAL] _____
(*Notary Public*)

(Form 4)

I, _____, do hereby certify that I am president of the _____ company; that _____, who subscribed the accompanying affidavit, is the chief engineer of (or was employed to make the survey by) the said company; that the survey of the said railroad, as accurately represented on this map and by the accompanying field notes, was made under authority of the company; that the company is duly authorized by its articles of incorporation to construct the said railroad upon the location shown upon this map; that the said survey as represented on this map and by said field notes was adopted by resolution of its board of directors on the _____ day of _____, 19__, as the definite location of the said railroad described as follows: (describe as in Form 3); and that this map has been prepared to be filed in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress approved March 8, 1875, entitled "An act granting to railroads the right of way through the public lands of the United States." I further certify that the said railroad is to be operated as a common carrier of passengers and freight.

_____
(*President of the _____ Company*)

Attest:
[SEAL OF COMPANY]

_____
(*Secretary*)

(Form 5)

STATE OF _____,
County of _____, *ss:*

_____, being duly sworn, says that he is the chief engineer of (or was employed to construct) the railroad of the _____ company; that said railroad has been constructed under his supervision as follows: (describe as in section 10), a total length of __ miles; that construction was commenced on the _____ day of _____, 19__, and completed on the _____ day of _____, 19__; and that the constructed railroad conforms to the map and field notes which received the approval of the Secretary of the Interior on the _____ day of _____, 19__.

_____
_____

Sworn and subscribed to before me this _____ day of _____, 19__.

[SEAL] _____
(*Notary Public*)

(Form 6)

I, _____, do hereby certify that I am the president of the _____ company; that the railroad described as follows: (describe as in Form 5) was actually constructed as set forth in the accompanying affidavit of _____, chief engineer (or the person employed by the company in the premises); that the location of the constructed railroad conforms to the map and field notes approved by the Secretary of the Interior on the _____ day of _____, 19__; and that the company has in all things complied with the requirements of the act of Congress approved March 3, 1875, entitled "An act granting to railroads the right of way through the public lands of the United States."

_____
(*President of the _____ Company*)

Attest:
[SEAL OF COMPANY]

_____
(*Secretary*)

(Form 7)

STATE OF _____,
County of _____, *ss:*

_____, being duly sworn, says he is the chief engineer of (or is the person employed to make the survey by) the _____ company; that the survey of the tract described as follows: (here describe as required by section 10) an area of __ acres, and no more, was made by him (or under his direction) as chief engineer of the company (or as surveyor employed by the company), and under its authority, commencing on the _____ day of _____, 19__, and ending on the _____ day of _____, 19—; that the survey of the said tract is accurately represented on this plat and by the accompanying field notes; that the company has occupied no other grounds for similar purposes upon public lands within the section of 10 miles, from the __ mile to the __ mile, for which this selection is made; that, in his belief, the said grounds are actually and to their entire extent required by the company for the necessary uses contemplated by the act of Congress approved March 3, 1875, entitled "An act granting to railroads the right of way through the public lands of the United States."

_____

_____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 19__.

[SEAL] _____
(*Notary Public*)

(Form 8)

I, _____, do hereby certify that I am president of the _____ company; that _____, who subscribed the accompanying affidavit, is the chief engineer of (or was employed to make the survey by) the said company; that the survey of the tract described as follows: (here describe as in Form 7) an area of __ acres, and no more, was made under authority of the company; that the said survey, as represented on this map and by said field notes, was adopted by resolution of its board on the _____ day of _____, 19__, as the definite location of said tract for station grounds; that the company has occupied no other grounds for similar purposes upon public lands within the section of 10 miles, from the _____ mile to the _____ mile, for which this selection is made; that, in his belief, the said grounds are actually and to their entire extent required by the company for the necessary uses contemplated by the act of Congress approved March 3, 1875, entitled "An act granting to railroads the right of way through the public lands of the United States."

[SEAL OF COMPANY]
Attest:

_____
(*President of the _____ Company*)

_____
(*Secretary*)

APPENDIX B

Where necessary, these forms should be modified so as to be appropriate to the applicant (corporation, association, or individual), to the act invoked, and to the nature of the project.

Reference should be made to the appropriate section of the regulations to determine when each of the forms is required.

Forms Nos. 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, and 10 may be signed by any officer or employee of the company who is authorized to sign them. However, if they are executed by a person other than the President, they must be accompanied by a certified copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting or other document authorizing such signature unless such certified copy has already been filed in the case.

Forms 1 and 2 to be placed on maps. See § 2234.1–2(d)(1)(vii).

ENGINEER'S STATEMENT

(Form 1)

_____ states he is by
(Name of engineer)
occupation a _____ em-
(Type of engineer)
ployed by the _____ to
(Company)
make the survey of the _____,
(Kind of works)
as described and shown on this map; that the survey of said works was made by him (or under his supervision) and under authority, commencing on the _____ day of _____ 19 _____, and ending on the _____ day of _____ 19___; and that such survey is accurately represented upon this map.

_____
(Engineer)

APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATE

(Form 2)

This is to certify that _____
(Engineer)
who subscribed the statement hereon is the person employed by the undersigned applicant to prepare this map, which has been adopted by the applicant as the approximate final location of the works thereby shown; and that this map is filed as a part of the complete application, and in order that the applicant may obtain the benefits of _____; and I further certify that the
(Cite statute)
right-of-way herein described is desired for _____.
(State purpose)

[SEAL] _____
(Signature of applicant)

_____
(Title)

_____
(Company)

Attest:

_____

FORMS FOR PLANT SITES ONLY

See §§ 2234.4–1(b)(3) and 2234.5–1(e).

(Form 3)

_____ states that
(Name of engineer)
he is the chief engineer of (or the person employed by) the _____,
(Company)
under whose supervision the survey was made of the grounds selected by the company for structures for a plant site under the act of Congress approved February 15, 1901 (February 1, 1905, act of March 4, 1911, as amended, or act of February 25, 1920, as

amended), said grounds (here describe as required by regulation, sec. 2234.3–2(b)(2); that the accompanying drawing correctly represents the locations of the said structures; and that in his belief the structures represented are actually and to their entire extent required for the necessary uses contemplated by the said Act.

(Signature of engineer)

(Form 4)

I, ---, do hereby certify
(Applicant) (Company officer)
that I am the --- of the ---
(Title)
---; that the survey of the struc-
(Company)
tures represented on the accompanying drawing was made under authority and by direction of the company, and under the supervision of ---, its chief engineer (or person employed in the premises), whose statement precedes this certificate; that the survey as represented on the accompanying drawing actually represents the structures required (here described as required by regulation, sec. 2234.3–2(b)(1) for plant site under the act of Congress approved February 15, 1901 (February 1, 1905, March 4, 1911, as amended, or February 25, 1920, as amended); and that the company, by resolution of its board of directors, passed on the --- day of --- 19---, directed the proper officers to present the said drawing for approval in order that the company may obtain the use of the grounds required for said structures, under the provisions of said act.

[SEAL] ---
(Signature of applicant)

(Title)

(Company)

Attest:

FORMS FOR PROOF OF CONSTRUCTION

See section 2234.1–4.

(Form 5)

--- states that he is
(Name of engineer)
the chief engineer (or was employed to supervise or check the construction of the canals, ditches, laterals, and reservoirs) for the ---; that said (canals,
(Company)
ditches, laterals, and reservoirs) have been constructed under his supervision; that construction was commenced on the --- day of --- 19---, and completed on the --- day of --- 19---; that the constructed (canals, ditches, laterals, and reservoirs) as aforesaid, conform to the map which received the approval of the Department of the Interior on the --- day of --- 19---.

(Signature of engineer)

(Form 6)

I, --- certify
(Applicant) (Company officer)
that I am the --- of the ---;
(Title) (Company)
that the (canals, ditches, laterals, and reservoirs) were actually constructed as set forth in the accompanying statement of ---, chief engineer (or the person employed by the company in the premises), and on the exact location represented on the map approved by the Department of the Interior on the --- day of --- 19---; and that the company has in all things complied with the requirements of the act of (March 3, 1891) granting rights-of-way for (canals, ditches, laterals, and reservoirs) through public lands of the United States.

[SEAL] ---
(Signature of applicant)

(Title)

(Company)

Attest:

FORMS FOR RESERVOIR DECLARATORY STATEMENT

(Form 7)

See § 2234.3–2(b)(1).
Res. D. S.
No. ---
Land Office at ---,
--- 19--.

I, ---
(Applicant) (Company officer)
of ---,
(Post office address)
do hereby certify that I am ---
(Title)
of the ---, and on behalf of
(Company)
said company, and under its authority, do hereby apply for the reservation of land in --- county, State of ---, for the construction and use of a reservoir for furnishing water for livestock under the provisions of the act of January 13, 1897 (29 Stat. 484; 43 U.S.C. 952). The location of said reservoir and of the land necessary for its use, is as follows: ---[1] of section --- in township --- of range --- M., containing --- acres.

To the best of my knowledge and belief the said land is not occupied or otherwise claimed, and is not mineral or otherwise reserved. The said reservoir is to be used in connection with---.[2]
(Business of applicant)

The land owned or claimed by the applicant within the vicinity (within 3 miles) of the said reservoir is as follows:

(Describe by legal subdivision, section, township, and range)

No part of the land to be reserved under this application is or will be fenced unless written permission is first obtained from the Department of the Interior; the same will be kept open to the free use of any person

desiring to water animals of any kind; the land will not be used for any purpose except the watering of stock; and the land is not, by reason of its proximity to other lands reserved for reservoirs, excluded from reservation by the regulations and rulings of the Department of the Interior.

The water of said reservoir will cover an area of _____ acres in _____ of section _____ in township _____, of range _____ of said lands; the capacity of the reservoir will be _____ gallons, and the dam will be _____ feet high. The source of the water for said reservoir is _____
(Type and location
_____, and there are
of spring, stream, runoff, etc.)
no streams or springs within 2 miles of the land to be reserved except as follows:

_____
(Insert names or other identification)

The applicant has filed no other declaratory statements under this act, except as follows:

No. _____, _____ land office, area to be reserved _____ acres.

No. _____, _____ land office, area to be reserved _____ acres.

No. _____, _____ land office, area to be reserved _____ acres.

No. _____, _____ land office, area to be reserved _____ acres.

Total, _____ acres, of which Nos. _____ _____ are located in said county.

It is the bona fide purpose and intention of this applicant to construct and complete said reservoir and maintain the same in accordance with the provisions of said Act of Congress and such regulations as are or may be prescribed thereunder.

[SEAL] _____
(Signature of applicant)
_____
(Title)
_____
(Company)

Attest:

_____

Land Office at _____

I, _____, manager of the land office, do hereby certify that the foregoing application is for the reservation of lands subject thereto under the provisions of the Act of January 13, 1897; that there is no prior valid adverse right to the same; and that the land is not, by reason of its proximity to other lands reserved for reservoirs, excluded from reservation by the regulations and rulings of the Department of the Interior.

Fees, $_____ paid.

_____
(Manager)

(Form 8)

See § 2234.3–2(d).

_____ says that he is the
(Chief engineer)
person who was employed to make the survey of a reservoir covering an area of _____ acres, the initial point of the survey being _____, said
(Described as required by § 2234.3–2(d))
reservoir having been constructed upon the _____[1] of section _____, township _____, range _____ M., as proposed by reservoir declaratory statement No. _____, which was filed in the local land office at _____, under the provisions of the
(City)
act of January 13, 1897 (29 Stat. 484; 43 U.S.C. 952), that the said survey was made on the _____ day of _____ 19____, that the dam and all necessary works have been constructed in a substantial manner; that the reservoir has a capacity of _____ gallons of water.

_____
(Signature of engineer)

(Form 9)

See § 2234.3–2(d).

I, _____, do
(Applicant) (Company officer)
hereby certify that I am the _____
(Title)
of the _____ which filed (or
(Company)
that I am the person who filed) reservoir declaratory statement No. _____ in the local land office at _____; that the proposed reservoir has been constructed upon the _____[1] of section _____ township _____, range ____ M., covering an area of _____ acres; that the dam and all necessary works have been constructed in a substantial manner in good faith in order that the reservoir may be used and maintained for the purposes and in the manner prescribed by the said act of January, provisions of which have been and will be complied with in all respects.

[SEAL] _____
(Signature of applicant)
_____
(Title)
_____
(Company)

Attest:

_____

(Form 10)

See § 2234.3–2(e)(2).

_____ says
(Applicant) (Company officer)
that he is the _____ of the _____
(Title)
_____ which filed (or that he is the
(Company)
person who filed) reservoir declaratory statement No. _____ in the local land office at _____; that the reservoir con-
(City)
structed in pursuance thereof, as heretofore certified has been kept in repair; that water has been kept therein to the extent of not less than _____ gallons during the entire calendar year of 19____; that neither the reservoir nor any part of the land reserved for use in connection therewith is or has been fenced during said year; and that the said company (or person) has in all respects

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[1] Description should be in terms of smallest legal subdivision (40-acre tract or lot).

[2] Statement of business should include full information concerning the extent to which applicant is engaged in grazing, breeding, driving, or transporting livestock; the number and kinds of such stock; the place where they are being breed or grazed; whether within an enclosure or upon unenclosed lands; and the points from which and to which they are being driven or transported.

[1] Description should be in terms of smallest legal subdivision (40-acre tract or lot).

complied with the provisions of the act of January 13, 1897 (29 Stat. 484; 43 U.S.C. 952).

[SEAL] _____
(Signature of applicant)
_____
(Title)
_____
(Company)

Attest:

_____

APPENDIX C

FORMS FOR DUE PROOFS AND VERIFICATION OF MAPS OF RIGHT OF WAY FOR RAILROADS, TRAMWAYS, WAGON ROADS, ETC.

(Form 1)

I, _____, secretary (or president) of the _____ company, do hereby certify that the organization of said company has been completed; that the company is fully authorized to proceed with construction according to the existing laws of the State (or Territory) of _____; and that the copy of the articles of association (or incorporation) of the company filed in the Department of the Interior under the act of May 14, 1898 (30 Stat. 409), is a true and correct copy of the same.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my name and the corporate seal of the company.

[SEAL OF COMPANY] _____
(_____ of the _____ Company)

(Form 2)

STATE OF _____,
County of _____, ss:

I, _____, do certify that I am the president of the _____ Company, and that the following is a true list of the officers of the said company, with the full name and official designation of each to wit: (Here insert the full name and official designation of each officer).

[SEAL OF COMPANY] _____
(President of Company)

(Form 3)

STATE OF _____
County of _____, ss:

_____, being duly sworn, says he is the chief engineer of (or is the person employed to make the survey by) the _____ company; that the survey of the said company's line of (railroad, tramway, or wagon road) described as follows: (Here describe the line of route as required by paragraph 12), a length of _____ miles, was made by him (or under his direction) as chief engineer of (or as surveyor employed by) the company and under its authority commencing on the _____ day of _____, 19__, and ending on the _____ day of _____, 19__; that the survey of the said land is accurately represented on this map and by the accompanying field notes; and that this proposed right of way does not lie within 4 rods of the shore of any navigable waters, except as shown on this map. (In the case of a tramway or wagon road, add the following: The said line of road does not lie upon nor cross any road or trail in common use for public travel except as shown on this map.)

_____
_____

Sworn and subscribed to before me this _____ day of _____, 19__.

[SEAL] _____
(Notary Public)

(Form 4)

I, _____ do hereby certify that I am president of the _____ company; that _____, who subscribed the accompanying affidavit, is the chief engineer of (or was employed to make the survey by) the said company; that the survey of the said (railroad, tramway, or wagon road), as accurately represented on this map and by the accompanying field notes, was made under authority of the company; that the company is duly authorized by its articles of incorporation to construct the said (railroad, tramway, or wagon road) upon the location shown upon this map; that the said survey as represented on this map and by said field notes was adopted by resolution of its board of directors on the _____ day of _____, 19__, as the definite location of the said (railroad, tramway, or wagon road) described as follows: (Describe as in Form 3); that this proposed right of way does not lie within 4 rods of the shore of any navigable waters, except as shown on this map, and that this map has been prepared to be filed in order to obtain the benefits of sections 2 to 9, inclusive, of the act of Congress approved May 14, 1898, entitled "An act extending the homestead laws and providing for right of way for railroads in the District of Alaska, and for other purposes."[3] I further certify that the said (railroad or tramway) is to be used as a common carrier of freight and passengers.

_____
(President of the _____ Company)
_____
(Secretary)

ATTEST:
[SEAL OF COMPANY]

(Form 5)

STATE OF _____,
County of _____, ss:

_____, being duly sworn, says that he is the chief engineer of (or was employed to construct the railroad, tramway, or wagon road of) the _____ company; that said (railroad, tramway, or wagon road) has been constructed under his supervision, as follows: (describe as in paragraph 12) a total length of _____ miles; that construction was commenced on the _____ day of _____, 19__, and completed on the _____ day of _____, 19__; that the constructed (railroad, tramway, or wagon road) conforms to the map and field notes

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[3] The last sentence to be omitted from applications for wagon-road right of way.

which received the approval of the Secretary of the Interior on the _____ day of _____, 19__.

_____

_____

Sworn and subscribed to before me this _____ day of _____, 19__.

[SEAL] _____

(Notary Public)

(Form 6)

I, _____, do hereby certify that I am the president of the _____ company, that the (railroad, tramway, or wagon road) described as follows: (describe as in Form 5), was actually constructed as set forth in the accompanying affidavit of _____, chief engineer (or the person employed by the company in the process); that the location of the constructed (railroad, tramway, or wagon road) conforms to the map and field notes approved by the Secretary of the Interior on the _____ day of _____, 19__, and that the company has in all things complied with the requirements of sections 2 to 9, inclusive of the act of Congress approved May 24, 1808, entitled "An act extending the homestead laws and providing for right of way for railroads in the District of Alaska, and for other purposes."

_____

(President of the _____ Company)

_____

(Secretary)

Attest:

[SEAL OF COMPANY]

(Form 7)

STATE OF _____,

County of _____, *ss:*

_____, being duly sworn, says he is the chief engineer of (or is the person employed to make the survey by) the _____ company; that the survey of the tract described as follows: (here describe as required by paragraph 12) an area of _____ acres, and no more, was made by him (or under his direction) as chief engineer of the company (or as surveyor employed by the company), and under its authority, commencing on the _____ day of _____, 19__, and ending on the _____ day of _____, 19__; that the survey of the said tract is accurately represented on this plat and by the accompanying field notes; (that the company has occupied no other grounds for similar purposes upon public lands within the section of [5 or 10] miles, from the _____ mile to the _____ mile, for which this selection is made);[b] that, in his belief, the said grounds are actually and to their entire extent required by the company for the necessary uses contemplated by the act of Congress approved May 14, 1898, entitled "An act extending the homestead laws and providing for right of way for railroads in the District of Alaska, and for other purposes"; that the said tract does not lie within 4 rods of the shore of any navigable waters except as shown on this map, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief there is no settlement or other claim along the shore of any navigable waters upon land within 80 rods of any point of this tract except as shown on this map.

_____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 19__.

[SEAL] _____

(Notary Public)

(Form 8)

I, _____, do hereby certify that I am president of the _____ company; that _____, who subscribed the accompanying affidavit, is the chief engineer of (or was employed to make the survey by) the said company; that the survey of the tract described as follows: (here describe as in Form 7) an area of _____ acres, and no more, was made by him as chief engineer of (or as surveyor employed to make the survey by) the said company; that the said survey, as accurately represented on this map and by the accompanying field notes, was made under authority of the company; that the said survey, as represented on this map and by said field notes, was adopted by resolution of its board on the _____ day of _____, 19__, as the definite location of said tract for (station, terminal, or junction grounds), (that the company has occupied no other grounds for similar purposes upon public lands within the section of [5 or 10] miles, from the _____ miles to the _____ mile, for which this selection is made); that, in his belief, the said grounds are actually and to their entire extent required by the company for the necessary uses contemplated by the act of Congress approved May 14, 1898, entitled "An act extending the homestead laws and providing for right of way for railroads in the District of Alaska, and for other purposes"; that the said tract does not lie within 4 rods of the shore of any navigable waters except as shown on this map; and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there is no settlement or other claim along the shore of any navigable waters upon land within 80 rods of any point of this tract except as shown on this map.

_____

(President of the _____ Company)

Attest:

[SEAL OF COMPANY] _____

(Secretary)

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[b] This clause is to be omitted in applications for terminal or junction grounds.

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GRAZING REGULATIONS for the PUBLIC LANDS

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Walter J. Hickel, Secretary

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Boyd L. Rasmussen, Director

November 1969

PREFACE

The regulations contained herein are applicable to the use, management, and protection of 178,000,000 acres public land administered under the authority and provisions of the Taylor Grazing Act of June 28, 1934, and the O&C Act of August 28, 1937, as amended and supplemented.

Part 4110, Grazing Administration (Inside Grazing Districts) is applicable to the 159,000,000 acres of grazing land administered by the Bureau of Land Management's 58 grazing districts. It provides the necessary regulations pursuant to Section 3 of the Taylor Grazing Act for intensive management of the public lands.

Part 4120, Grazing Administration (Outside Grazing Districts and exclusive of Alaska), provides regulations (pursuant to Section 15 of the Taylor Grazing Act and Section 4 of the O&C Act) for the use and management of the 19,000,000 acres of leased lands that have not been included within grazing districts.

Subpart 9239, Trespass - Grazing, provides grazing trespass regulations, including disciplinary actions resulting from the commitment of acts prohibited and violation of the rules of fair range practice.

Subpart 1853, Hearings Procedures - Grazing, provides regulations, within grazing districts, for the handling and processing of appeals.

These regulations now represent many modifications of the original regulations. Such amendments have been found necessary to meet more effectively the objectives of the Act by improving the orderly use of the land, preventing overgrazing and range depletion, and stabilizing the livestock industry dependent upon the public land.

This publication is a consolidation of the primary regulations used in the management of the public lands administered pursuant to the Taylor Grazing Act both inside and outside the statutory grazing districts and is intended to facilitate BLM operations.

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4115.2–6 Pledge of licenses and permits as security for loans.

Subpart 4110—Grazing Administration (Inside Grazing Districts); General

§ 4110.0–2 Objectives.

Grazing districts will be administered to conserve and regulate the public grazing lands, to stabilize the livestock industry dependent upon them, and in aid thereof to promote the proper use of the privately controlled lands and waters dependent upon those public grazing lands. In furtherance of these objectives, grazing privileges will be granted with a view to the protection of those livestock operations that are recognized as established and continuing and which normally involve the substantial use of the public range in a regular, continuing manner each year. To promote the highest use of the public lands within grazing districts which have been or hereafter are established, possession or control of sufficient land or water to insure a year-round operation for a certain number of livestock in connection with the use of the Federal range will be required of all users.

§ 4110.0–3 Authority.

(a) *Saving clause.* So far as practicable and consistent with the purposes and provisions of the act and the basic policy and plan of administration outlined in § 4110.0–2, the provisions of this Subpart 4110 will not be applied to the prejudice of the position of anyone who on the date of approval of this part was the holder of a grazing license or permit or who on that date had pending an application therefor.

§ 4110.0–5 Definitions.

Wherever used in rules, instructions, or interpretations issued by the Bureau of Land Management in or pursuant to the Federal Range Code for Grazing Districts (this part), unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) The "act" means the Taylor Grazing Act of June 28, 1934 (48 Stat. 1269; 43 U.S.C. 315, 315a–315r), as amended and supplemented.

(b) "The Federal Range Code for Grazing Districts" means all of the rules and regulations pertaining to the administration of grazing districts.

(c) The "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized agent.

(d) The "Director" means the Director of the Bureau of Land Management or his authorized agent.

(e) "State Director" means the supervising Bureau of Land Management officer for the State in which the particular range lies, or his authorized agent.

(f) "Federal range" means land within established grazing districts administered by the Bureau of Land Management under the Federal Range Code for Grazing Districts (this part), including the vacant, unappropriated, and unreserved public land of the United States chiefly valuable for grazing and forage crops; State, county, and privately owned land leased for such administration; and lands so administered pursuant to a cooperative agreement with the Federal department or agency having jurisdiction over such land.

(g) "Property" means privately owned or controlled land or water used in range livestock operations.

(h) "Base property" means property used for the support of the livestock for which a grazing privilege is sought and on the basis of which the extent of a license or permit is computed.

(i) "Base property qualifications" means the maximum amount of grazing privileges on Federal range properly allowable to base properties in class 1 or class 2.

(j) "Forage land" means land the principal use of which is the production of natural or cultivated feed for livestock.

(k)(1) "Land dependent by use" means forage land other than Federal range of such character that the conduct of an economic livestock operation requires the use of the Federal range in connection with it and which, in the "priority period", was used as a part of an established, permanent, and continuing livestock operation for any two consecutive years or for any three years of such priority period in connection with substantially the same part of the public domain, now part of the Federal range. Such land may be (i) parallel land, i.e., land of the same character, interspersed with, and grazed at the same time as the Federal range on which grazing privileges may be granted, except in those grazing districts which by special rule have excluded parallel land as base property, (ii) land of different character than the Federal range and which properly supports the permitted livestock during all or part of the period that the Federal range is closed to grazing, or (iii) a combination of these two types of land. The priority period shall be the five-year period immediately preceding June 28, 1934, except that if such Federal range was placed within a grazing district after June 28, 1938, or added to an existing grazing district by boundary modification after the latter date, the priority period shall be the five years immediately preceding the date of the order establishing such district or effecting such addition, as the case may be.

(2) No land shall be considered as dependent by use unless offered as base property in an application for a grazing license or permit within one year after the date when the Federal range used in creating the dependency by use first became a part of a grazing district, except that if the Federal range used in creating the dependency by use became a part of a grazing district prior to June 28, 1938, such base property shall not be considered as dependent by use unless offered in an application for a grazing license or permit filed prior to said date. Only the last set of base properties used during the priority period by a livestock operation can be invested with dependency by use by such operation.

(3) The extent to which grazing licenses or permits will be granted on the basis of dependency by use of land, shall be governed by the following:

(i) It shall not exceed the average annual amount of forage customarily and properly utilized by the livestock operation computed on the basis of any two consecutive years or any three years in which use was actually made during the priority period, whichever is more favorable to the applicant, on that part of the public land which, at the time of the issuance of the license or permit, is Federal range.

(ii) It shall not exceed the amount of forage needed for the number of livestock creating such dependency by use that were customarily and properly sustained on the base property during the priority period and continue to use such property to the same extent, except that in no instance shall the use of base property be for less than the minimum period established under § 4111.2–1. The grazing privileges which may be granted hereunder shall not exceed the amounts determined under subdivision (i) or (ii) of this subparagraph, whichever is the lesser. Where the base property provides forage in excess of that necessary for the proper support of the number of livestock used in creating the dependency by use (class 1) the base property, to the extent of such excess forage capacity, may be treated as dependent by location (class 2) if so qualified.

(iii) Whenever the dependency by use of two or more base properties was created by the use of all or part of the same Federal range, during the same or at different seasons of the year, by two or more livestock operations, the relative dependency by use of each of the base properties shall be proportionate to the average annual use actually and properly made of the Federal range during the priority period by each of the livestock operations.

(l) "Land dependent by location" means forage land other than Federal range, which is so situated and of such character that it can properly be used as a base for an economic livestock operation utilizing the forage resources of the Federal range.

(m) "Animal-unit month" means the amount of natural or cultivated feed necessary for the sustenance of one cow or its equivalent, for a period of one month; as applied to Federal range, it means also the grazing privileges represented by the grazing of one cow or its equivalent for a period of one month. For the purposes of this definition, one cow shall be considered the equivalent of one horse or five sheep or five goats; provided, however, that only for the purposes of establishing fees for grazing privileges under § 4115.2–1(k)(1), the charge for one horse grazing on the Federal range for one month shall be at twice the rate charged for one cow grazing for the same period.

(n) "Grazing capacity" means the total animal-unit months of forage available from a tract or tracts of forage land during a given period.

(o) "Full-time water" means water which is suitable for consumption by livestock and available, accessible, and adequate for a certain number of livestock during those months in the year for which the range is classified as suitable for use. Such water may be from one source or may be the aggregate amount available from several sources.

(p)(1) "Prior water" is water which, during all or not less than two years of the priority period was used to service certain public domain now part of the Federal range for a livestock operation that was established, permanent, and continuing, and which normally involved the grazing of livestock on the same areas of public land for a certain portion or portions of the years of such use. For the purpose of this definition the priority period shall be the five-year period immediately preceding June 28, 1934, except that in any area placed within a grazing district or added to an existing district by boundary modification after September 23, 1942, the priority period shall be the five-year period immediately preceding the date of the order establishing such district or effecting such addition, as the case may be.

(2) Where a livestock operation used a water or waters during the priority period in such manner as would, in the absence of other factors, have served to invest such water with the attribute of priority, but such livestock operation subsequently ceased using such water or waters and used other water or waters in such manner as to invest them, too, with priority, only the latter water or waters shall be considered as prior, unless the former are also prior because of use by another livestock operation.

(3) No water shall be considered as prior unless offered as base property in an application for a grazing license or permit filed within one year after the public lands which were used in creating the priority first became a part of a grazing district except that when such lands became a part of a grazing district more than one year prior to March 16, 1942, a water shall not be considered as prior unless offered in an application filed prior to that date.

(4) The extent to which grazing privileges will be granted on the basis of the priority of water shall not exceed the average annual amount of forage customarily and properly utilized by the livestock operation computed on the basis of the years in which use was actually made during the priority period, on substantially that part of the public lands within the service area which, at the time of the issuance of the license or permit, is Federal range.

(q) "Service area" means the area that can be properly grazed by livestock watering at a certain water. In determining such area, natural and cultural barriers, recognized habits of livestock, proper livestock practices, and range management factors will be considered.

(r) "Adjudication of grazing privileges" is the determination of the qualifications for grazing privileges of the base properties, land (§ 4110.0–5 (k)(1)) or water (§ 4110.0–5 (p)(1)) offered in support of applications for grazing licenses or permits in a range unit or area, and the subsequent equitable apportionment among the applicants of the forage production within the proper grazing season and capacity of the particular unit or area of Federal range, and acceptance by the applicants of the grazing privileges based upon the apportionment or its substantiation in a decision by an examiner, the Director, or the Secretary upon appeal. (Applicable provisions are Subpart 4111 and § 4115.2–3.)

(s) "Allotment management plan" means a program of action designed to reach specific management goals.

(t) "Grazing system" means a specific sequence of livestock grazing by designated area to accomplish management objectives."

Subpart 4111—Awards of Grazing Privileges

§ 4111.1 Qualifications of applicants.

§ 4111.1–1 Qualifications.

An applicant for a grazing license or permit is qualified if:

(a) He is engaged in the livestock business and is a citizen of the United States or has on file before a court of competent jurisdiction a valid declaration of intention to become a citizen or a valid petition for naturalization, or:

(b) It is a group, or association authorized to conduct business under the laws of the State in which the grazing privileges sought are to be exercised, all the members of which are qualified under paragraph (a) of this section; provided that the agreement or articles of association under which the association has been formed are approved by the State Director, or:

(c) It is a corporation, the controlling interest in which is vested in persons qualified under paragraph (a) of this section and which is authorized to do business under the laws of the State in which grazing privileges sought are to be exercised; provided that the articles of incorporation have been approved by the State Director.

§ 4111.1–2 Effect of transfer arising through operation of law.

The acquisition of rights in base property by an unqualified person through operation of law or testamentary disposition will not adversely affect any outstanding license or permit, or preclude the issuance or renewal of a license or permit, based on such property, for a period of two years after such acquisition. Upon the failure of such person to qualify within the two year period the license or permit will be subject to cancellation in accordance with § 4115.2–1(d).

§ 4111.2 Base property qualifications and classification.

§ 4111.2–1 Minimum requirements; classification of base properties.

(a) The District Manager, after recommendation by the advisory board, shall establish minimum base property requirements as a condition of qualification for the issuance of a license or permit in each district or unit thereof, taking into consideration the availability of base properties for proper use with and their relative dependence upon Federal range, land and water conditions, and other factors affecting livestock operations in the area according to customary use and best practices for good range management.

(b) The District Manager after recommendation by the advisory board will classify base properties as land or water and further in the following manner:

Class 1. Land dependent by use, or full-time prior water.

Class 2. Land dependent by location, or full-time water.

§ 4111.3 Adjudication and apportionment of grazing privileges.

§ 4111.3–1 Mandatory requirements; rating and classification of Federal Range.

(a) *Grazing capacity; seasons and maximum annual period of use.* The District Manager, after recommendation by the advisory board, will rate the grazing capacity of each unit or area in a grazing district and will classify each for the proper seasons of use and for the maximum period of time for which any licensee or permittee will be allowed to use the Federal range therein during any one year.

(b) *Wildlife; allowance for maintenance.* In each grazing district a sufficient grazing capacity of Federal range suitable for wildlife will be reserved by the District Manager after consulting with wildlife interests and the advisory board, for the maintenance of a reasonable number of wild game animals, to use the range in common with livestock grazing in the district.

(c) *Preference applicants.* Preference in the granting of grazing privileges will be given to those applicants within or near a district who are landowners engaged in a livestock business, bona fide occupants or owners of water or water rights, as may be necessary to permit the proper use of lands, water, or water rights owned, occupied, or leased by them. When the demands of all such preference applicants cannot be satisfied, prior consideration will be given applicants in the manner specified in paragraph (d) of this section. Provision will be made for other applicants so far as Federal range remains available.

(d) *Order of preference.* Licenses or permits will be issued in the following order:

(1) *Free-use licenses.* A free-use license will be issued to any free-use applicant for grazing on Federal range in the immediate neighborhood of the applicant's residence for not to exceed the number of livestock owned and kept by him for domestic purposes, that is, livestock whose products are consumed or whose work is directly and exclusively used by the family of the applicant, provided the free-use applicant has adequate facilities for the proper care and maintenance of such domestic livestock on the Federal range.

(2) *Regular licenses and permits; number of livestock.* Regular licenses and permits will be issued to qualified applicants to the extent that Federal range is available in the following preference order and amounts:

(i) To applicants owning or controlling land in class 1, licenses or permits to the extent of the dependency by use of such land; to applicants owning or controlling water in class 1, licenses or permits to the extent of the priority of such water.

(ii) To applicants owning or controlling land or water in class 2, licenses or permits for the number of livestock for which range is available and which can

be properly grazed in connection with a livestock operation which involves the use of such land or water.

§ 4111.3–2 Procedures.

(a) *Unit-wide or area-wide adjudication.* (1) The District Manager, after recommendation by the advisory board, may make a simultaneous classification under § 4111.2–1 of all offered base properties within a single administrative unit or grazing area and may allocate in a single action the available Federal range within the unit or area upon which such base properties are dependent.

(2) The District Manager shall give written notice by certified mail of such classification and allocation to the persons offering such base properties, naming a place and date not less than 30 days thereafter to file protest to the advisory board, in accordance with § 4115. 2–1(b). Thereafter, and provided there is then pending a valid application for grazing privileges, the District Manager will render his final decision thereon and will allow the right of appeal to the examiner in accordance with § 4115.2–3.

(b) *Permits; annual licenses.* Grazing permits may be issued as soon as the necessary data can be obtained or after agreements as to the extent of their individual grazing privileges have been reached by the interested applicants and such agreements have been reduced to writing; a recommendation thereon made by the advisory board, and approval thereof given by the District Manager. No such agreement will be approved unless it appears that it is fair and that it represents a substantial compliance with the provisions of the grazing regulations for grazing districts, and no applicant shall be prejudiced by his failure or refusal to enter into such an agreement. The practice of issuing an annual license will be continued until such time as a permit is issued. Upon the issuance of a permit any outstanding license or part thereof which has been granted on the same qualifications on which the permit is based will terminate. Upon expiration of a term permit an annual license may be issued, pending issuance of a new term permit.

(c) *Allotments.* Allotments of Federal range will be made to licensees or permittees when conditions warrant. Division of the range by agreement or former practice will be followed where practicable, provided such division is in substantial conformity with the qualifications for grazing privileges of the respective applicants and the agreement is reduced to writing and approved by the District Manager.

(d) *Administration of lands additionally available; preference right for lands restored from withdrawal.* (1) Any land within the exterior boundaries of a grazing district made available for administration by the Bureau of Land Management, by a lease under the Pierce Act of June 23, 1938 (52 Stat. 1033; 43 U.S.C. 315M–1—315M–4), by the revocation of a withdrawal, or by the cancellation or relinquishment of a homestead entry or claim, or otherwise, after the grazing privileges in the area embracing the land have been adjudicated, will be administered in accordance with customary use so far as such administration may be practicable and consistent with good range management.

(2) Where public lands are restored from withdrawal and the District Manager determines that the lands are available for grazing use, the party using such lands or part thereof for grazing purposes under authority of the agency which had jurisdiction over the lands immediately prior to their restoration, shall have a superior preference to the further grazing use of such lands. The preference right must be asserted and an application for license or permit, on a form approved by the Director obtainable from the District Manager must be filed with that officer not more than 90 days after the date of signing of the order of revocation of the withdrawal, or not more than 90 days after the end of the current lease year under which the land is being used, whichever is the later. The application must be accompanied by a copy of the prior lease, license, permit or other authority upon which the preference claim is based. The District Manager may issue to such applicant an annual license or a term permit as he shall determine, authorizing such grazing use subject to the applicable regulations in this part. (Sec. 1, act of May 28, 1954 (68 Stat. 151), as interpreted and applied to sec. 3, Taylor Grazing Act. 43 U.S.C., 1952 ed., sec. 315(h).)

§ 4111.4 Adjustments of grazing privileges.

§ 4111.4–2 Increases.

Increases in grazing capacity, when conditions warrant, and after recommendation of the advisory board and approval of the District Manager, will be apportioned in a manner that will assist in the stabilization of livestock operations controlling qualified base property, with emphasis being given to the restoration of reductions that have been imposed to reach the grazing capacity of a particular allotment or range

area, and to allocation of increased grazing capacity to operators or interests whose efforts were responsible for such increases.

§ 4111.4–3 Reductions.

(a) Downward adjustments will be imposed in the following order:

(1) Nonrenewable licenses.

(2) Regular licenses or permits to the extent, if any, to which they have been issued in excess of the base property qualifications or have otherwise been improperly issued.

(3) Regular licenses or permits properly issued, on an equal percentage basis.

(b) Base property qualifications will be adjusted, after licenses or permits have been issued, to the extent that such base property qualifications exceed the long-term forage production potential of any area of Federal range. Adjustments required below the forage production potential of any area of Federal range, after licenses or permits have been issued, to balance authorized use with the proper stocking rate of the Federal range, will be apportioned equitably or as agreed to among the qualified licensees or permittees and the District Manager after recommendation by the district advisory board. Such adjustments may be made either by authorizing less livestock or less time or by both methods as determined by the District Manager.

(c) When the District Manager determines that the forage production potential, with improvements, of the Federal range area is significantly greater than the present allowable stocking rate, he will issue combination active use and suspended nonuse licenses or permits for not to exceed the forage production potential, except that at his option, and after obtaining advice from the district advisory board, he may apply paragraph (d) of this section in making the adjustment. The difference between the forage production potential and the present allowable stocking rate of the Federal range area will be held in a suspense status, provided that the aggregate of authorized active use and "suspended nonuse" shall not exceed the base property qualifications of any licensee or permittee.

(d) When the District Manager, after recommendation by the district advisory board, determines that the imposition of the full amount of downward adjustment in authorized active use necessary to reach the proper stocking rate of a Federal range area would impose a serious hardship on the range users, he is not required to impose the full amount of the adjustment forthwith, but will schedule a percentage of the required adjustment during each of the three years immediately following the District Manager's determination as the circumstances in each case may warrant, except that when the total adjustment is less than 15 percent of the total authorized active use, it will be imposed forthwith in the full amount.

(e) The District Manager will notify each affected licensee or permittee by certified mail of his decision to make an adjustment in authorized active use to reach the proper stocking rate of any Federal range area and of the manner in which the adjustment is to be made. The District Manager's decision will allow 30 days from receipt thereof in which the licensee or permittee may file an appeal in accordance with § 4115.2–3 and § 1853.1 of this chapter. If no appeal is filed within the 30-day period, the adjustment will be in accordance with the District Manager's decision and no further appeal will be allowed even though the adjustment may be scheduled under paragraph (d) of this section. If any timely appeal is filed, after receipt of the District Manager's decision notice, the adjustment for the entire area of Federal range under consideration will be deferred pending a final decision on such appeal. Any adjustment provided by the ultimate decision will be applied to its full extent for the next grazing season immediately following the effective date of that decision. If, however, the final decision on the appeal is rendered within the 3-year adjustment period established by the District Manager's decision notice, the required adjustment may be apportioned over the remaining portion of that period. In the event that the orderly administration of the Federal range or other public interest so requires, any decision may be placed in full force and effect in accordance with the provisions of §1853.8(b) of this chapter.

(f) Federal range lands to be used under a license or permit are subject to classification and disposition under the provisions of sections 7 and 14 of the act, and to withdrawal, appropriation, selection, or other disposal under the public land laws. Reasonable notice of a pending or proposed classification, withdrawal or other disposal which might result in a diminution of the available Federal range will be given to the licensee or permittee of such lands, consistent with Subpart 2411 of this chapter, and subject to the right of protest or appeal to the Director and to the Secretary of the Interior as may be provided in such notice and the rules of practice, Parts 1840 and 1850 of this chapter.

Subpart 4112—Management Practices

§ 4112.2 Designation of ranges for particular kinds of livestock.

The District Manager may designate certain areas for use exclusively by a certain kind or class of livestock when necessary for the proper use or orderly administration of the Federal range.

§ 4112.3 General rules of the range.

§ 4112.3–1 Acts prohibited.

The following acts are prohibited on the Federal range:

(a) Grazing livestock upon, allowing livestock to drift and graze on, or driving livestock across the Federal range, including stock driveways, without an appropriate license or permit, regular or free-use, or a crossing permit.

(b) Grazing livestock upon or driving livestock across the Federal range, including stock driveway, in violation of the terms of a license or a permit, either by exceeding the number of livestock permitted, or by allowing livestock to be on the Federal range in an area or at a time different from that designated, or in any other manner.

(c) Constructing or maintaining any kind of improvements, structures, fences, or enclosures on the Federal range, including stock driveways, without authority of law or a permit.

(d) Destroying, molesting, disturbing, or injuring property used or acquired for use by the United States in the administration of Federal range, including stock driveways, or improvements constructed or maintained under section 4 of the act.

(e) Cutting, burning, or removing vegetative cover, brush, woodland growth, or timber for any purpose, except as authorized by law. Permits to carry on controlled burning of vegetative cover or brush may be issued by the District Manager in proper cases, subject to such conditions as he may impose, and to all State laws and regulations concerning such burning.

(f) Molesting or driving from the Federal range without authority livestock lawfully grazing thereon under license or permit.

(g) Interference with licensed hunters or fishermen to enter, and hunt and fish on the Federal range covered by such license or permit; or with the entrance of miners, prospectors and mineral lessees of the United States to prospect, locate, develop, mine or patent the mineral resources on such Federal range; or with other persons entitled to enter such range for lawful purposes.

§ 4112.3–2 Rules of fair range practice.

All licensees and permittees shall comply with the following rules of fair range practice:

(a) The statutory provisions of the State in which the Federal range or stock driveway to be used is located relating to the branding of livestock and sanitary requirements shall be followed.

(b) A crossing permittee shall follow the route prescribed in the crossing permit at an average rate of not less than five miles per day for sheep or goats and ten miles per day for cattle or horses, but an increased or decreased rate of travel may be prescribed in the discretion of the District Manager.

(c) All licensees and permittees shall provide adequate salt on the range for their licensed or permitted livestock, and shall bed sheep and goats according to instructions issued by the District Manager. Upon request by the majority of the users of any community allotment of Federal range, the District Manager may prescribe the time for, breed, grade, and number of bulls to be turned into such allotment; in the absence of such express requirements the provisions of State law on the subject shall be applicable.

(d) When so requested by the State Director or District Manager, the licensee or permittee shall join with the Bureau of Land Management in preparing a fire plan which shall set forth in detail the program for prevention, control, and extinguishment of fires, including the responsibility of the licensee or permittee for action on his range allotment and on adjacent Federal range.

Subpart 4113—Supervision and Inspection

§ 4113.1 Procedure for enforcement of rules and regulations.

A grazing license or permit may be suspended, reduced, or revoked, or renewal thereof denied for a clearly established violation of the terms or conditions of the license or permit, or for a violation of the act or of any of the provisions of this part, or of any approved special rule. (Refer to § 9239.3–2 of this chapter for detailed enforcement procedures.)

Subpart 4114—Advisory Boards and Local Associations

§ 4114.1 Grazing district advisory boards.

§ 4114.1–1 Authorization for establishment; number of members; qualifications.

The State Director shall fix the number of members to be recommended by election for appointment to the advisory board in each district, such number to be not less than five nor more than twelve, exclusive of a wildlife representative who will not be recommended by election, but shall be selected directly by the State Director. The State Director may fix the number of district advisers to be recommended by election as representatives of each class of stockman, according to the kind of livestock owned, or may fix the number to be recommended by election from each voting precinct, or both, provided that the free-use licensees in each district shall be entitled to recommend one representative who shall be a free-use licensee. All district advisers, except the wildlife representative, shall be electors qualified to vote in the particular election. If a district is divided into precincts, an adviser representing a precinct shall qualify in the precinct in the same manner as in the district.

§ 4114.1–2 Election, time and place; the general procedures.

All district advisers, except wildlife representatives, shall be recommended by election in the manner provided in this section, and in the General Procedures for Grazing District Advisory Board Elections as approved by the Director, Bureau of Land Management, and published in the FEDERAL REGISTER. An election to recommend district advisers for appointments for each grazing district will be held within 90 days after the publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER of the order establishing the grazing district. Persons recommended by election for appointment at the first election after establishment of a grazing district, or at the first election during the 1964 calendar year, may be recommended for appointment and annual reappointment for a maximum period of three consecutive years; or the District Manager may divide the group, by lot, as evenly as possible into three groups to be considered as being recommended for appointment or reappointment for one year, two consecutive years, or three consecutive years respectively. Thereafter, elections will be held annually, for each group whose term of recommendation for appointment has expired, in accordance with the options set forth in the General Procedures for Grazing District Advisory Board Elections.

§ 4114.1–3 Appointment; term of office; removal; vacancies.

A person recommended by election for appointment as district adviser shall assume office only after he has been appointed by the State Director and has taken the oath of office. The State Director may, in his discretion, appoint those in group 1 for a period not to exceed 365 days; those in group 2 for an initial period of 365 days and thereafter a subsequent like period; and those in group three for an initial period of 365 days and thereafter two successive like periods. The State Director may remove any district adviser from office because of failure to discharge his duties, loss of any of his qualifications to hold the office, or in the public interest. Upon a vacancy occurring in the office of the district adviser other than a wildlife representative by reason of resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, the board shall recommend the name of a person to fill the vacancy and such recommendation, together with that of the District Manager, shall be transmitted to the State Director for consideration. A person selected to fill a vacancy shall be appointed for the remainder of the unexpired 365-day period, after which a person shall be recommended by election for the balance of the period of recommendation at the next regular election. The wildlife representative will be appointed by the State Director for a term of office that does not exceed 365 days.

§ 4114.1–4 Meetings; organization.

District advisory boards shall meet at any time and place within or near the district designated by the State Director or his authorized representative. At the first meeting of the board after an election, it shall organize by electing one of its members as chairman and such other officers from its membership as it may deem necessary. Meetings of a district advisory board shall be open to the public except that, with the approval of the Bureau representative present, it may meet in executive session to consider applications for the granting of licenses or permits or any other business.

§ 4114.1–5 Functions and duties of district advisers; limitations.

District advisers shall advise or make recommendations on the following matters:

(a) The qualifications, classification, and requirements of base property.

(b) The transfer and relinquishment of base property qualifications.

(c) The grazing capacity of the Federal range in the district.

(d) Application for all types of grazing licenses or permits, including nonuse, or extension of use: *Provided,* That in no case shall any district adviser participate in any advice or recommendation concerning a permit, or an application therefor, in which he is directly or indirectly interested.

(e) Cancellation of grazing licenses or permits when related to: failure to use base property, loss of all or part of lands used in year-round operation, range depletion, failure to offer base property or to validate a license or permit, or failure to use grazing privileges.

(f) Agreements as to the extent of individual grazing privileges, when such agreements have been reduced to writing and found to be equitable and in substantial compliance with the provisions of this part.

(g) Variance in range improvement fees in accordance with the character and requirements of the district or portions thereof.

(h) Requirements for unit or allotment boundary fences and apportionment of costs between the benefiting licensees or permittees.

(i) Proper rules of fair range practice.

(j) Allotments of range by classes of livestock or for community or individual use.

(k) Seasonal use of the Federal range or any part thereof.

(l) Cooperative agreements or application for the construction or maintenance of improvements on the Federal range under section 4 of the act and assignments thereof.

(m) Work plans under the range improvement, weed control or soil and moisture conservation programs.

(n) Any recommendations made by local associations of stockmen in the district.

(o) Reservations of grazing capacity of Federal range for wild game animals, including any agreements in connection therewith proposed for execution with State or Federal wildlife agencies.

(p) Special rules for the district, within meaning of § 4115.2–4.

(q) Any other matter which they may desire to bring to the attention of the Director, or on which their advice may be requested.

§ 4114.2 State advisory boards.

§ 4114.2–1 Membership and meetings.

The livestock members of each grazing district advisory board shall select from their number at the first meeting of the board after each election, two members and two alternates to serve on a State advisory board for the State in which the district is located; where the district advisory board has representation for cattle and horses, and sheep and goats, then only one representative and one alternate representing each class shall be selected. The wildlife members of the advisory boards within each State will select one of their number and one alternate to serve as a wildlife member on the State advisory board. In addition, the State advisory board will have one or more additional members, but not exceeding seven, who will represent other interests such as forestry, minerals, soil conservation, outdoor recreation, urban and suburban development, county government, and State government. Such additional members and their alternates will be selected by the State Director from nominations made by State or local government officers or organizations reflecting nonlivestock interests in the management or disposition of public lands. The time and place for meetings of the State advisory board shall be set by the State Director. The board shall select from its members one member to be chairman of the board. The co-chairman of the board shall be the State Director.

§ 4114.2–2 Functions and duties.

The State advisory boards shall consider and make recommendations on grazing, wildlife, forestry, outdoor recreation, minerals, soil conservation, urban and suburban development, and other resource administration policies or problems affecting the State as a whole. The operations of the State boards, including their meetings shall conform to the committee management requirements of the Secretary of the Interior as set forth in the Departmental Manual.

§ 4114.3 National Advisory Board Council.

§ 4114.3–1 Membership and meetings.

The livestock members of each State advisory board shall select from their number, at its first meeting of each new term, one member and one alternate representing cattle and horses, and one member and one alternate representing sheep and goats, to serve on the National Advisory Board Council. The elected wildlife member or his alternate on each State advisory board will serve on the National Advisory Board Council representing wildlife interests. The State Director from each of the ten Western

States with organized grazing districts shall submit a list of nominees, selected from the nonlivestock and nonwildlife membership on the State board. From this list, and other sources as he may determine, the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative shall appoint members, not exceeding ten in number, to the National Advisory Board Council to represent nonlivestock and nonwildlife interests. In addition to the above membership, one member from each of the States of Alaska and Washington will be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative from a list submitted by the respective State Directors pursuant to nominations made by State or local government officers or organizations reflecting interests in grazing or other uses of public lands. The Council shall select from its members one member to be chairman of the Council. The cochairman of the Council shall be an official of the Department of the Interior appointed by the Secretary of the Interior who shall set the time and place for such meetings of the National Advisory Board Council.

§ 4114.3–2 Functions and duties.

The National Advisory Board Council shall consider and make recommendations on policies and problems of a national scope related to all natural resource use and management. The operations of the National Council, including their meetings, shall conform to the committee management requirements of the Secretary of the Interior as set forth in the Departmental Manual.

§ 4114.4 Local associations of stockmen.

§ 4114.4–1 Organization.

Qualified applicants for grazing licenses or permits in any grazing district may organize a local association, or several associations, according to classes of livestock, or by community of interest or otherwise.

§ 4114.4–2 Articles of incorporation; constitutions; by-laws.

Such associations shall be organized as corporations "not-for-profit", if permissible under the laws of the State in which the grazing district, or the greater part thereof, is situated; or they may be organized as cooperative unincorporated associations. In either case the articles of incorporation, the charters, or the constitutions of such associations shall be submitted to the State Director for approval before the association may be recognized by the Bureau. The by-laws of such associations need not be submitted but in any instance which they are in conflict with the provisions of this part or the terms of any license, permit, or cooperative agreement issued to or made with an association, the latter shall prevail.

§ 4114.4–3 Powers.

Such local association shall be authorized to exercise one or more of the following powers, to be specifically set forth in the articles of incorporation, charter, or constitution, as the case may be, of such association:

(a) To make contributions in cash, property, material or labor toward the administration, protection, and improvement of the Federal range lying within the district.

(b) To construct and maintain fences, wells, reservoirs, and other improvements necessary to the care and management of the livestock grazed in the district under permit issued by the Bureau.

(c) To act in an advisory capacity in the administration of the Federal range lying within the district.

(d) To recommend the amount, manner of apportionment, time, and method of collection of assessments for strictly association purposes, as well as for the public purposes, contemplated by the act.

(e) To enter into cooperative agreement for any of the foregoing purposes or for any other purposes authorized by the act. In addition, the association's powers may include, among others, the power to lease or otherwise acquire the control of State, county, privately owned, tax default, or other lands within or near a district.

§ 4114.4–4 Cooperative agreements for use of lands; obligation of licensees and permittees to share cost.

Whenever the grazing capacity of Federal range is increased whether by reason of the acquisition of control of any lands by the Bureau or otherwise, through a cooperative agreement with a local association, any licensee or permittee benefiting thereby, whether a member of the association or not, shall pay to the association his proportionate share of the cost of the association lands and of the cost of installation, development, and maintenance of range improvements, including reseeding, plus any authorized association assessments for other expenses. Such share shall be determined by the District Manager after consideration of the recommendation of the association. The District Manager may refuse to issue a license or permit to any applicant or may cancel or refuse to renew the license or permit of any licensee or permittee to graze on any lands covered by such agreement, whether public or association lands, and whether or not such applicant, licensee, or permittee is a member of the association, if he fails or refuses to pay to the association any of the foregoing charges.

Subpart 4115—Records and Administrative Procedures

§ 4115.2 Procedures.

§ 4115.2–1 License and permit procedures; requirements and conditions.

(a) *Filing and consideration of applications; interdistrict agreements; recommendations; service of notice.* (1) Each year a date will be set by the District Manager prior to which all applications for grazing licenses or permits in the district must be filed in his office; applications filed on or after such date may be rejected for that year unless satisfactory justification for the belated filing is shown.

(2) All applications for grazing licenses or permits will first be presented to the district advisory board for advice and recommendation: *Provided,* That in no case shall any district adviser participate in any advice or recommendation concerning a permit, or an application therefor, in which he is directly or indirectly interested.

(3) Where a grazing area or unit is located in one district, but is administered by the District Manager of an adjacent district pursuant to a formal interdistrict agreement, applications for grazing licenses or permits on such area or unit shall be filed with the District Manager of the adjacent district. The advisory board of the district in which the land is actually located may designate one or more of its members, on its behalf, in cooperation with the advisory board of the adjacent district, to make appropriate recommendations to the District Manager of the adjacent district with respect to such applications.

(4) The advisory board will make its recommendation to the District Manager and, if such recommendation is to any extent adverse, it shall set forth the reasons therefor. If such recommendation is favorable and the District Manager approves, he will notify the applicant by ordinary mail, which notice may be the fee billing. If the advisory board recommendation is favorable but the District Manager disagrees, notice will be served on the applicant in person or by certified mail sent to his address of record, setting forth the recommendation of the advisory board and the Manager's disapproval, together with the reason or reasons for a prospective adverse decision, including a reference to the pertinent sections or provisions of the Federal Range Code for Grazing Districts in which the application is deficient, and naming a date, not less than ten days thereafter, on or before which oral or written protest may be presented to the District Manager. If the recommendation of the board is to any extent adverse, notice will be served on the applicant in person or by certified mail sent to his address of record, setting out the reason or reasons given by the advisory board for the adverse recommendation, including a reference to the pertinent sections or provisions of the Federal Range Code for Grazing Districts in which the application is deficient, and naming a place and date, not less than ten days thereafter, when protest against the recommendation will be heard. The District Manager may also serve notice on any other applicant or applicants who may be directly affected by the adoption of the advisory board recommendation or the prospective decision of the Manager which will allow an appropriate protest. In any case where consideration of an application involves only issues previously adjudicated involving the same applicant or his predecessors in interest, the same base property and the same area of use, the advisory board may recommend that a protest meeting not be held, whereupon the District Manager may accept the recommendation of the board as its final consideration.

(b) *Protests; reconsideration by advisory boards; service of notice.* At the time and place fixed for the protest meeting, any licensee, permittee, or applicant may appear, in person or by attorney or other representative, or may file a written protest with the advisory board, which thereupon will reconsider its previous recommendation in the light of the protest and will make a final recommendation to the District Manager. If such recommendation is favorable to the protestant, and the District Manager approves, he will notify the protestant thereof by ordinary mail, which notice may be the fee billing. If the recommendation is to any extent adverse, and the District Manager approves, a notice giving the reason or reasons therefor will be served on the protestant in person or by certified mail, including a reference to the pertinent sections or provisions of the Federal Range Code for Grazing Districts that serve as controlling factors. Such notice will constitute the District Manager's final decision for purposes of appeal.

(c) *Allowance or rejection of application; modification; service of notice.* The District Manager, in the light of all facts and circumstances and after reference to the advisory board, may issue or refuse to issue a grazing license or permit. When the District Manager takes an adverse action on any application, a notice including a recital of the specific reasons for the action taken will be served on the applicant in person or by certified mail. The notice will advise the applicant of his privilege to appeal to an examiner.

(d) *Cancellation or reduction of licenses or permits; show cause; appeal to examiner.* Licenses or permits are subject to cancellation or reduction to the extent that they have been improperly issued, or to the extent that their continued effectiveness is adversely affected pursuant to any of the provisions of §§ 4111.1, 4115.2–1(e), 4115.2–1(k)(4), 4114.4–4 or 4115.2–5(a)(6). Except as otherwise specifically provided, in any

such case or in any case in which it shall appear that a license or permit confers grazing privileges in excess of those properly allowable under this part, the District Manager will notify the licensee or permittee that the license or permit is thereby held for cancellation or reduction either in whole or in part, as the case may be, and that the licensee or permittee will be allowed fifteen days from receipt of notice within which to show cause why such action should not be made final. Such notice will set forth fully the reasons for the proposed action, specifically referring to the pertinent provisions of this part, and will be served on the licensee or permittee by certified mail or in person. In case of failure of the licensee or permittee to show cause within the time allowed, the license or permit will be canceled or reduced to the extent indicated in the notice. The District Manager will consider any cause shown and, if satisfied of its sufficiency, will close the case; if not satisfied as to its sufficiency, or if no cause is shown, he will notify the licensee or permittee in person or by certified mail that the cancellation or reduction will become final unless an appeal to the examiner is filed in accordance with § 4115.2–3.

(e) *Terms and conditions.* The issuance and continued effectiveness of all regular licenses and permits will be subject to the following terms and conditions:

(1) The possession or control by the applicant, licensee, or permittee, of feed and forage supplies adequate, with the authorized Federal range use, to support his licensed or permitted livestock for a full year-round operation.

(2) No license or permit will provide for the grazing livestock on the Federal range during that part or parts of the year for which the Federal range has not been classified as proper for use.

(3) No license or permit will confer grazing privileges in excess of the grazing capacity of the Federal range to be used, as determined by the District Manager, except as may be allowed under § 4111.4–3 (c) and (d).

(4) So far as consistent with proper range practices, licenses and permits will confer grazing privileges on the range lands which were used in creating the dependency by use or priority of the base properties involved.

(5) In the event of range depletion resulting from drought or other causes, the grazing privileges that may be exercised under any license or permit may be reduced in whole or in part, and for such period of time as may be necessary.

(6) Upon the diminution of the Federal range to be used under any license or permit due to withdrawal, appropriation, selection, or otherwise, the license or permit may be reduced proportionately to the reduction in available grazing capacity caused by the loss of such Federal range.

(7) If a licensee or permittee for two consecutive years ceases to make substantial use of his base property in connection with his year-round livestock operation, the authorized use under such license or permit and the qualifications of the base property may be subject to reduction in proportion to the diminished use of the base property.

(8) If a licensee or permittee loses ownership or control of:

(i) All or part of his base property, the license or permit, to the extent it was based upon such lost property, shall terminate immediately without further notice from the District Manager; except that, if the licensee or permittee notifies the District Manager, in writing, of such loss within thirty days from the date thereof, such license or permit shall terminate to that extent at the end of the grazing season or grazing year as the District Manager shall determine; or

(ii) All or part of such other lands or grazing privileges as are necessary to his year-round operation, the license or permit will be subject to reduction in proportion to the loss of such necessary lands or grazing privileges unless the licensee or permittee notifies the District Manager within 30 days after such loss and thereafter within the time allowed by the District Manager after recommendation by the advisory board acquires ownership or control of other lands or grazing privileges sufficient to assure a year-round operation.

(9) Base property qualifications, in whole or in part, will be lost upon the failure for any two consecutive years:

(i) To include in an application for a license or permit or renewal thereof, the entire base property qualifications for active, nonuse, or combination of active and nonuse, except where the base property qualifications are included in an outstanding current term permit, or where the allowable use has been reduced under §§ 4111.4–3 (a)(3) and (c), and 9239.3–2(e) of this chapter.

(ii) To accept a license or permit issued pursuant to such application.

(10) The failure for any two consecutive years to make substantial use as determined by the District Manager, after reference to the advisory board, of all or part of the grazing privileges authorized under a license or permit, may result in the revocation thereof and in the proportionate loss of the base property qualifications.

(11) Nonuse, in whole or in part, of grazing privileges under a license or permit may be authorized by the District Manager, upon application by the licensee or permittee, after reference to the advisory board, for the following reasons: conservation and protection of the Federal range, annual fluctuations in livestock operations, or financial or other reasons beyond the control of the licensee or permittee.

(12) A revocation of a license or permit in whole or in part may result in a

proportionate loss of the base property qualifications supporting such license or permit.

(13) (i) No readjudication of any license or permit, including free use license, will be made on the claim of any applicant or intervener with respect to the qualifications of the base property, or as to the livestock numbers or seasons of use of the Federal range allotment where such qualifications or such allotment has been recognized and license or permit has issued for a period of three consecutive years or more, immediately preceding such claim.

(ii) The Bureau of Land Management may make adjustments in licenses and permits at any time when necessary to comply with the Federal Range Code for Grazing Districts.

(14) Where Federal range is allotted for the exclusive grazing use of one or more users, the District Manager, if the proper use or orderly administration of the range makes it necessary:

(i) May require the licensee(s) or permittee(s), as a condition to the granting and continued effectiveness of grazing licenses or permits, to fence or to contribute an equitable share to the cost of fencing the allotted areas, and of maintenance of such fences;

(ii) May require any licensee or permittee who will benefit in some substantial measure from such fence construction, as a condition to the renewal of an existing license or permit, likewise to pay or to reimburse an equitable share of the cost of such fence construction and maintenance. The amount of such share may be established by agreement of the parties, or, upon their failure to agree, by determination of the District Manager.

(iii) May take necessary action to enforce the requirements under subdivisions (i) and (ii) of this subparagraph, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (d) of this section.

(f) *Interest of Member of Congress prohibited.* No Member of or Delegate to Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of any license or permit issued under the act, or to derive any benefit to arise therefrom. (41 U.S.C. sec. 22; 18 U.S.C. secs. 431–433.)

(g) *Change in grazing season.* Any licensee or permittee who desires to use the Federal range for a period or periods other than as authorized by his license, permit, or approved allotment management plan, may, upon a written approval of the District Manager, be allowed to use the amount of his authorized grazing privileges during any period of time for which the Federal range is classified as proper for use, provided:

(1) The total of such use does not exceed the maximum amount of time for which any licensee or permittee is allowed to use the Federal range during any one grazing year;

(2) The number of animal-unit months of Federal range to be utilized is not thereby increased;

(3) Such use will not be detrimental to the Federal range, and

(4) Such use will not adversely affect other licensees or permittees.

(h) *Exchange-of-use agreements.* Exchange-of-use agreements may be issued to any applicant having ownership or control of non-Federal land interspersed and normally grazed in conjunction with the surrounding Federal range for not to exceed the grazing capacity of such non-Federal land, without payment of grazing fees, provided that during the term of the agreement the Bureau shall have the management and control of such non-Federal land for grazing purposes.

(i) *Nonrenewable licenses.* Nonrenewable licenses may be issued to nonpreference applicants only for the period specified by the District Manager and for the number of livestock for which range is temporarily available and which can be properly grazed without detriment to the operations on the range of applicants owning or controlling base properties in class 1 and class 2.

(j) *Suspension of licenses and permits under Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940.* Any licensee or permittee who enters military service, as defined in section 101(1) of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 (54 Stat. 1179; 50 U.S.C. App. 511(1)), may elect at the beginning of or at any time during the period of such service to suspend his license or permit, in whole or in part, for such period and six months thereafter, subject to the following:

(1) The licensee or permittee shall file with the District Manager an application, in duplicate, setting forth the facts and circumstances upon which the application for suspension of the license or permit is based. If the applicant desires the suspension of a license or permit in more than one district, a separate application shall be filed with the District Manager for each district.

(2) Upon the approval of the application the suspension shall be effective for the period involved, unless sooner terminated upon further application to the District Manager by the licensee or permittee, and no operations under the license or permit to the extent suspended shall be conducted during such period.

(3) No grazing fees will be assessed under a license or permit to the extent and during the period it is suspended and, upon the approval of an application for suspension, any fees that have been paid for the period of suspension will be refunded and any fees that are or may become due for such period will be remitted.

(4) A special temporary license, to the extent of any grazing privileges suspended, may be issued to another applicant for not to exceed the period of such suspension, but upon the termination of the suspension, either by reason of the

expiration of the six months' period following the conclusion of the first licensee's or permittee's military service or by reason of an application by the first licensee or permittee for an earlier termination, or otherwise, such temporary license shall terminate as of the beginning of the grazing period next following the termination of the suspension.

(5) No suspension granted hereunder shall entitle a licensee or permittee to any greater privileges subsequently than those to which he would have been entitled in the absence of a suspension.

(6) Any adverse action by the District Manager on an application for suspension of a license or permit under this paragraph may be appealed by the licensee or permittee to the Director, and from the Director to the Secretary of the Interior, in accordance with the rules of practice, Part 1850 of this chapter.

(k) *Fees, payments and refunds*—(1) *Fees.* (i) Fees will be charged for the grazing of all livestock on public lands at a rate per animal unit month, except that no fee will be charged for a free-use license. Fees for any fee year, consisting of a grazing fee for use of the range and a range improvement fee, will be published as a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(ii) Fees will be established by the Secretary in 10 equal annual increments to attain the fair market value of range forage at the 1978 fee year. Fair market value is that value established by the Western Livestock Grazing Survey of 1966 or as determined by a similar study which may be conducted periodically to update the fee base, if deemed necessary. In addition, annual adjustments may be made for any of the 1969–78 fee years, and thereafter, to reflect current market values.

(iii) A minimum annual charge of $10 will be made on all regular licenses, permits, nonrenewable licenses, and crossing permits, except as specified in subdivision (vi) of this subparagraph.

(iv) Range improvement fees may vary in accordance with the character or requirements of the various districts or portions thereof. Grazing fees may differ in any district or unit thereof in which the grazing capacity of the Federal range is increased by reason of the addition of land not owned by the United States, or by reason of a cooperative agreement or memorandum of understanding between the Bureau of Land Management and any State or Federal agency, or any person, association, corporation, or otherwise.

(v) All livestock 6 months of age or over allowed on the Federal range will be considered at any point of time during the grazing period as a part of the total number for which a license or permit has been issued, or for which an allotment management plan has been approved. No fees will be charged for livestock under 6 months of age.

(vi) Upon application filed with the District Manager, by any person showing the necessity for crossing the Federal range with livestock for proper and lawful purposes, a crossing permit may be issued. Charges are payable in advance at the same rate charged for regular grazing use, except that no fee will be charged where the trail to be used is so limited and defined that no substantial amount of forage will be consumed in transit.

(2) *Payment of fees.* (i) No regular license or permit shall be issued or renewed until payment of all fees due the United States under these regulations have been made. Grazing privileges may be canceled or reduced, in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section, for failure to pay the required fees. Fees for regular licenses and permits are due the United States upon issuance of a fee notice and are payable in full in advance before grazing use is authorized; except that where grazing is authorized on the basis of an approved allotment management plan, which includes grazing system requirements necessary to assure proper management of the public land and its resources, the District Manager may either:

(*a*) Issue a fee notice upon termination of the grazing period authorized. The fee notice will reflect the actual grazing use made and will be payable within 30 days of the date of issuance, or

(*b*) Issue a fee notice on the basis of the normal operation detailed in the allotment management plan. Such fees are due the United States upon issuance and are payable in full in advance before grazing use is authorized. At the conclusion of the authorized grazing period the actual grazing use will be determined. A supplemental billing reflecting additional use must be paid within 30 days of issuance. A refund or credit may be made toward the following year's fees for use less than the normal operation. Ordinarily, no adjustment will be made when the amount is under $5.

(ii) Any licensee or permittee who desires a change in grazing use authorized pursuant to any of the provisions of this section must file, in advance, a written request for such change, except when in conformance with an approved allotment management plan. Upon approval of change, an adjusted billing notice will be issued.

(3) *Refunds.* No refund will be made for failure to use all grazing privileges represented by a license or permit, except that:

(i) During periods of range depletion due to severe drought or other natural causes, or in case of a general epidemic of disease during the life of a regular license or permit, fees due may be reduced in whole or in part, credited or refunded; or fee payment may be postponed for such periods so long as the emergency exists.

§ 4115.2–2 Transfers and relinquishments.

(a) *Transfer of base property; effect.* (1) A transfer of a base property or part thereof, whether by agreement, operation of law, or testamentary disposition, will entitle the transferee, if qualified under § 4111.1–1, to so much of the grazing privileges as are based thereon. Except as otherwise herein provided, the existing license or permit and the grazing privileges thereunder shall automatically and without further notice be terminated or decreased by such transfer to the extent of the grazing privileges attaching to the transferred base property; except that further grazing under the license or permit may be temporarily extended pursuant to request and notification filed in accordance with § 4115.2–1(e)(8)(i); except, also, where the transfer arises as a result of testamentary disposition the existing license or permit may continue in effect until the end of the current grazing season. Thereafter applications for renewal of a license or permit shall be filed by the heirs, devisees, executor, administrator, or personal representative, as the case may be.

(2) A transferee shall, within 90 days from the date of transfer, file with the District Manager documentary evidence of the transfer and an application on a form approved by the Director for a license or permit, active or nonuse, for the grazing privileges based thereon. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in the loss of the qualifications of the base property transferred. Where, however, a transfer, or a different vesting in any manner, of a leasehold interest in land or water may result in interference with the stability of livestock operations or with proper range management, upon a finding to that effect by the District Manager, after reference to the advisory board, such land or water will lose its base property qualifications and grazing privileges based thereon will be denied.

(b) *Transfer of base property qualifications; limitations; consent of owner or encumbrancer; effect.* (1) A licensee or permittee may request the transfer of the recognized qualifications of base property then owned or controlled by him to other property owned or controlled by him, or to property owned or controlled by another person or persons qualified in accordance with § 4111.1–1. An application for approval of a transfer shall be filed with the District Manager on a form approved by the Director for land base or water base.

(2) Transfer of base property qualifications may be made under the following conditions:

(i) When an applicant owns or controls base land or lands having a forage production in excess of that required to support the licensed or permitted livestock, the qualifications may be concentrated on that part of the property having the forage production required by and which will continue to be used for the support of such livestock.

(ii) When such qualifications are to be transferred from land owned or controlled by the applicant, to land owned or controlled by others, the transfer will be recognized only to the extent such qualifications do not exceed the forage production of the new base property.

(iii) When an applicant owns or controls base water, the qualifications may be transferred to another adequate water source which will service the same range area.

(3) No transfer will be allowed under this paragraph if it interferes with the stability of livestock operations or proper range management, or adversely affects the local economy. No transfer will be allowed without the written consent of the owner or owners and any encumbrancer of the base property from which the transfer is to be made, except that in an application for transfer of class 1 qualifications where the applicant for such transfer is a lessee of the base property without whose livestock operations the dependency by use or priority thereof would not have been established, such consent will not be required. Upon approval of the application by the District Manager after reference to the advisory board, the transfer shall be effective as of the date of filing of the application, and the base property from which the transfer is made will thereupon lose its qualifications to the extent indicated in the transfer.

(c) *Relinquishment of base property qualifications; limitation; effect.* Upon request, the district manager may accept a written relinquishment or waiver of grazing privileges on the Federal range and of base property qualifications of the base property owned or controlled by the applicant. Upon acceptance of such relinquishment, the base property will lose its qualifications to the extent specified: *Provided,* That no such relinquishment will be accepted without the written consent of the owner or owners, if other than the applicant, and any encumbrancer of the base property, except that if the applicant is a lessee of the base property without whose livestock operations the dependency by use or priority thereof would not have been established, such owner's consent will not be required.

§ 4115.2–3 Appeals and hearings.

Any applicant whose interest is adversely affected by a final decision of the District Manager may appeal to an Examiner in accordance with § 1853.1 of

this chapter. The conduct of hearings are provided for in §§ 1853.2 through 1853.6 of this chapter. Appeals to the Director will be pursuant to § 1853.7 of this chapter supplemented by Part 1840 of this chapter. An appeal from a decision of the Director may be made to the Secretary of the Interior in accordance with Part 1840 of this chapter (see § 1853.7(c) of this chapter).

§ 4115.2–4 Special rules for grazing districts.

Whenever it appears to a State Director after considering the recommendation of the district advisory board that local conditions in any district make necessary the adoption of a special rule on any of the matters in this part in order better to achieve an administration consistent with the purposes of the act, he may, recommend such a rule, supported by a factual showing of its necessity, for the approval of the Director. Such rule, if approved, shall be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

§ 4115.2–5 Range improvements and contributions.

(a) *Construction and maintenance of improvements on the Federal range.* (1) *Qualification of applicants for permits.* An applicant for a permit to construct or maintain improvements under section 4 of the act, or to use and maintain improvements of such character constructed and owned by a prior occupant, on the Federal range, must be qualified under § 4111.1–1.

(2) *Applications.* Applications for such permits shall be filed in triplicate with the District Manager on a form approved by the Director.

(3) *Appeals.* The District Manager will act on the application after reference to the advisory board and such action shall be final unless the applicant or any interested party appeals in accordance with § 4115.2–3.

(4) *Assignments.* Assignments of section 4 permits shall be filed with the District Manager in triplicate on the authorized form and shall not be effective until approved by the District Manager.

(5) *Applications for use of improvements owned by prior occupant; procedure upon failure to agree.* Where an application shows that the applicant and the prior occupant have not agreed on the value of such improvements owned by the latter, the District Manager will promptly, at the applicant's expense, cause the prior occupant to be served either personally or by certified mail with a notice of the filing of the application, and an order to show cause within thirty days why the improvements should not be determined to be of the value alleged by the applicant. Upon such a showing, or if the prior occupant applies within thirty days from the date of service for an appearance before the District Manager, then in the light of such evidence as the applicant and the prior occupant may present in such appearance, the District Manager will determine the present reasonable value of the improvements. Such determination shall be final unless an appeal is taken in accordance with § 4115.2–3. Upon the failure of the prior occupant to show cause or to apply within thirty days for an appearance, the reasonable value of the improvements will be determined by the District Manager but shall be not less than the amount alleged by the applicant in his application, and the decision of the District Manager in such case shall be final. In any case when a decision has become final, payment by the applicant of the amount determined and a showing that the improvements are free of all encumbrances may be required prior to favorable action on the application for use of such improvements, and on any application for grazing privileges involving the use of such improvements.

(6) *Cooperative agreements.* A licensee or permittee may enter into a cooperative agreement with the District Manager for the construction and maintenance of range improvements on the Federal range. Failure of the licensee or permittee to comply with the terms of such an agreement within a reasonable time as allowed by the District Manager may result in cancellation of the license or permit as provided in § 4115.2–1(d).

(7) *Applications for lands containing range improvements; compensation; reservation.* Public lands embraced in a license or permit are subject to classification and disposition under the provisions of sections 7 and 14 of the act, or other public land laws, as specified in § 4111.4.

(i) When the disposal application covers land upon which range improvements have been placed pursuant to a permit authorized under section 4 of the act, the owner thereof may be required to remove the improvements; or if the improvements are of a permanent nature, the land applicant may be required to agree in writing to compensate the licensee, permittee, or other owner of such improvements located on the lands applied for an amount to be mutually agreed upon, or, if the parties are unable to agree, then in the amount and within the time for payment as determined by the District Manager in accordance with the applicable procedure under subparagraph (5) of this paragraph.

(ii) (*a*) When the disposal application covers public land upon which range improvements have been placed by the United States, or pursuant to a cooperative agreement heretofore or hereafter entered into between the Bureau and the licensee, permittee, and/or other cooperators, the disposal application will be referred by the land office manager to the District Manager for determination as to whether it may be allowed, not withstanding such improvements, and, if so, whether with or without a reservation. If the application is to be allowed without a reservation of the improvements, the applicant may be required to agree in writing to compensate for the loss of such improvements in the amounts to be mutually agreed upon and payable separately to the Bureau and to the cooperators. If such improvements have been constructed in whole or in

part with Federal funds and are administered by the Bureau of Land Management, and the application for disposal is in satisfaction of any lieu or indemnity selection right of any State under R.S. 2275, as amended (43 U.S.C. 851), such application may be allowed in the discretion of the authorized officer without compensation to the United States for its share of the value of the improvements, if the authorized officer shall first determine that the grazing improvements are no longer used or needed by the United States for the purpose for which the improvements were constructed and that the probable salvage value is insufficient to warrant the expense of removal of the salvageable materials in such improvements. In the event of disagreement, the District Manager shall determine the total amount of compensation due, as provided in subparagraph (5) of this paragraph, and the time for payment. Such amount shall then be payable separately to the Bureau and to the cooperators entitled thereto, in proportion to the amount or value of their respective contributions in money, material, or labor, to the total cost of the improvement, as made by them under the original cooperative agreement as specified by the District Manager.

(*b*) The refusal or failure of the land applicant to pay the licensee, permittee, or other party entitled thereto, in accordance with the agreement or in the amount fixed by the District Manager and within the time allowed, shall be just cause for the rejection of an application or for the cancellation of any rights or interests in the lands acquired by the applicant by reason of the allowance of his application. Such rejection or cancellation shall be subject to the right of appeal directly to the Director and to the Secretary, in accordance with the rules of practice (Part 1840 of this chapter).

(iii) Under the act of July 9, 1942, as amended (43 U.S.C. sec. 315q), the holder of a grazing license or permit shall be compensated for the losses sustained by reason of cancellation of or prevention of use of authorized grazing privileges resulting from the use of lands embraced in such license or permit for war or national defense purposes, in an amount determined to be fair and reasonable and to be paid by the head of the Federal department or agency making such use. Such payment shall be deemed payment in full for such losses.

(b) *Contributions for administration, protection, and improvement of public lands.* The District Manager may accept contributions under section 9 of the act, of labor, materials, equipment, or money, toward any of the Bureau's functions in administering, protecting, and improving public lands under its jurisdiction in the States.

(1) Any individual, association, corporation, grazing district advisory board, State or local body or private group, may enter into an agreement with the District Manager with respect to such contribution. Where the contribution is to include money, the contributor should execute the appropriate form as requested by the District Manager.

(2) Contributions may be conditioned upon their use for specific projects or in specific localities.

(3) The District Manager may authorize refund of any amounts deposited in excess of the contributor's proper share of the expense incident to the purpose for which the contribution was made.

§ 4115.2–6 Pledge of licenses and permits as security loans.

(a) A license or permit may be pledged as security for a loan of $500 or more from a lending agency if the loan is for the purpose of furthering the licensee's or permittee's livestock operations. Before making a loan, a lending agency may obtain from the District Manager a written statement concerning the status of the grazing license or permit and other pertinent information relating thereto. A service charge of $10 will be made for searching the records to furnish such information, except that Federal and State lending agencies shall be exempt from the charge.

(b) A borrower-permittee desiring an extension of the term of his permit may file a request therefor, in writing, with the District Manager, setting forth the name of the lending agency, purpose and amount of loan, and the need for the extension of the permit term. When it appears that such extension will be in accordance with applicable law and regulation and not contrary to the public interest, the District Manager, in his discretion, may extend the permit for a period not to exceed 10 years from the date of the loan, subject to the rules and regulations then in force and to such additional terms and conditions as the District Manager may provide. The provisions of this paragraph shall not be applicable to grazing licenses which are issued annually on a temporary basis prior to the issuance of term permits.

(c) If the base property to which the grazing privileges on the Federal range covered by the pledged license or permit are attached as a grazing unit is acquired by the lending agency through foreclosure or otherwise, such agency, or purchasers, lessees, or occupants of the property authorized by such agency, if qualified, may apply to be recognized as the successor licensee, or permittee. If in selling the property the lending agency takes back a mortgage on the base property, the agency will receive the same consideration as in the case of an original loan.

(d) Where a lending agency files with the District Manager notice that it has made a loan and has accepted a grazing license or permit as security therefor in conformity with the provisions of this section, the District Manager as a matter of cooperation will keep such agency advised of any adverse action affecting the license or permit, but the failure to give timely notice of such adverse action shall impose no legal liability or obligation on the District Manager or the Bureau or any of its employees.

§ 9239.3 Grazing.

§ 9239.3–2 Inside grazing districts.

A grazing license or permit may be suspended, reduced, or revoked, or renewal thereof denied for a clearly established violation of the terms or conditions of the license or permit, or for a violation of the act or of any of the provisions of this part, or of any approved special rule.

(a) *Violations not clearly wilful.* Whenever it appears that a violation exists, not clearly wilful, the District manager shall serve written notice upon the alleged violator and upon any interested lien holder who has registered notice of his lien with the District manager. The notice shall set forth the act or omission constituting such violation, referring to the specific terms or provisions of the license or permit, of the act or of this part or of any approved special rule alleged to have been violated; and will allow the licensee or permittee a reasonable specified time from receipt of notice to demonstrate that there has been no violation or that he has since achieved compliance with such terms and conditions. If such showing is satisfactory to the District manager he will close the case; if satisfactory showing is not made within the time allowed, the violations alleged in the notice will be deemed to have been wilful and the District manager will notify the State Director thereof for further action under paragraph (e) of this section.

(b) *Violations clearly wilful; special circumstances.* Whenever it appears to the district manager that a violation is clearly wilful, grossly negligent, or repeated, or when the public health, safety, or interest requires, or when disciplinary action is advisable, the district manager will refer the matter directly to the State Director for further action under paragraph (c) or (e) of this section, whichever is appropriate.

(c) *Unlawful grazing on the Federal range; determination of damages; removal of livestock; impoundment.* (1) Whenever the charge consists of unlawfully grazing livestock on the Federal range, the notice served on the alleged violator and any interested lien holder who has filed notice on his lien with the District manager will order the alleged violator to remove the livestock or to cause them to be removed immediately or within such reasonable time as may be specified. If the alleged violator fails to comply with the notice the range manager may proceed to exercise the proprietary right of the United States in the Federal range, under local impoundment law and procedure, if practicable; otherwise he may refer the matter through the usual channels for appropriate legal action by the United States against the violator.

(2) Where the owner of the trespassing livestock, or his representative, is known, the district manager shall make a determination of the damage to the Federal range and other property of the United States and shall make a demand for payment upon the alleged violator, setting forth the foregoing values including the value of the forage consumed. Where the trespass grazing is not deemed to be clearly wilful the forage value shall be computed at the rate of $2 per animal unit month, or at the commercial rate if such rate is the higher; if the district manager deems the trespass grazing to be clearly wilful, grossly negligent, or repeated he shall compute the forage value at $4 per animal unit month, or at twice the commercial rate if such amount is the higher.

(3) In any case where neither the owner of the trespassing livestock, or his representative, is known, or where conservation of the Federal range and of the forage thereon requires it, the district manager, when so authorized by written order of the State Director, may take steps to remove the trespassing livestock by such methods and by such means not inconsistent with legislation which prohibits the use of airborne or motor-driven vehicles in the gathering of horses or burros, as may be necessary, and to dispose of them by sale or otherwise within not less than five (5) days after public notice of his intention to make such disposition, subject to the right of any owner or registered lienholder of such trespassing livestock to redeem the livestock within such nondisposal period upon payment of:

(i) The damage to the Federal range and other property of the United States.

(ii) The cost of such impoundment and removal.

(iii) The value of any forage consumed as determined in accordance with subparagraph (2) of this paragraph.

(4) If the amounts found to be due the United States in accordance with subparagraph (3), subdivisions (i), (ii), and (iii) of this paragraph are contested

by the owner of the livestock, his representative, or lienholder, the trespassing livestock may be redeemed by the posting of a cash or corporate surety bond in lieu of immediate payment. Such bond will be adequate to insure full satisfaction of the claims made. A hearing will then be scheduled before an examiner of the Bureau of Land Management. The hearing will be conducted so far as practicable in the same manner as other hearings before an examiner. The evidence will be confined to the determination of the amount of damages, value of the forage consumed, and any other amounts considered to be due the United States as a result of said trespass. The examiner will render a written decision assessing the amounts due.

(5) Where conservation of the Federal range and the forage thereon requires it, the State Director may temporarily close a grazing district or any portion thereof, to grazing by any class of livestock to be specified in such order. Notice of the order shall be published in a local newspaper and shall be posted at the County Courthouse of the County in which the closed area lies. The order shall require all owners of livestock affected thereby, to remove such livestock from the area within not less than five days from date of publication of the notice. Thereafter the District manager shall proceed to impound, remove, and dispose of, in the most humane manner in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph any such livestock trespassing or grazing in violation of the closing order.

(d) *Amicable settlement of civil cases involving unauthorized use of the Federal range or damage to Federal property.* Offers of settlement for the value of the forage consumed in trespass as determined in accordance with paragraph (c) (2) of this section and for damage to Federal range or to other property of the United States resulting from an alleged violation of any provisions of the act or of the Federal Range Code for Grazing Districts in the amount of $2,000 or less may be accepted by the district manager. Offers of settlement in excess of $2,000 will be transmitted to the State Director for appropriate action. An offer of settlement will not constitute satisfaction of civil liability for the consumed forage and damage involved until finally accepted by the district manager or the State Director. Satisfaction of civil liability tdoes not relieve the alleged violator of any criminal liability under Federal law. No license or permit will be issued or renewed until payment of any amount found to be due the United States under this section has been offered.

(e) *Disciplinary action for violations; show cause.* (1) Whenever it appears to the State Director that disciplinary action is advisable because of a wilful, grossly negligent, or repeated violation, he shall cause a written notice to be served upon the licensee or permittee. The notice shall set forth the act or acts complained of, specifically referring to the terms, conditions, or provisions of the license or permit and the section or sections of the Federal Range Code for Grazing Districts, or of the Act alleged to have been violated, and an estimate of the amount of damages resulting therefrom, including the value of the forage consumed, as determined in accordance with paragraph (c) (2) of this section. The notice will cite the license or permittee to appear before an examiner of the Bureau of Land Management at a designated time and place to show cause why his license, permit, or base property qualifications should not be reduced or revoked or renewal thereof denied and satisfaction of damages made.

(2) The hearing upon the order to show cause will be conducted so far as practicable in the same manner as other hearings before an examiner. The evidence shall be confined to the commission of the acts charged and the amount of damages, including the value of any forage consumed, due the United States. If the alleged violation is established to the satisfaction of the examiner, or upon the failure, without proper excuse satisfactory to the examiner, of the person named in the notice or his representative to appear at the hearing, the examiner will render a written decision assessing the amount of damages, including the value of any forage consumed, as determined in accordance with paragraph (c) (2) of this section, and directing the district manager to suspend, reduce, or revoke the license, permit, or base property qualifications or to deny renewal, if the facts so warrant.

(f) *Bonds for violations.* Whenever an applicant, licensee, or permittee commits a willful or wanton violation of any provision of this part or has repeatedly committed violations thereof, the State Supervisor may require him to furnish a cash or corporate surety bond on an approved form to cover all probable damages that may result from his violations for a period up to ten years. Upon the violator's failure to furnish a bond when so required, the District manager may refuse to issue or renew a license or permit, or the State Director may take action under paragraph (e) of this section, to revoke such license or permit.

(g) *Penal provision.* Under section 2 of the act any wilful violation of the provisions of the act or of this subpart or of approved special rules, after actual notice of the existence of the provisions of such act or of such rules and regulations, is punishable by a fine of not more than $500.

(h) *Appeals.* Appeal from the decision of the examiner to the Director and from the Director to the Secretary of any matter under § 9239.3–2 shall be made in accordance with the applicable provisions of § 4122.2–5 of this chapter and Appeals and Contests Parts 1840 and 1850 of this chapter.

Group 1800—Public Administrative Procedures

PART 1850—HEARINGS PROCEDURES

(Note: Subpart 1853 consists of special hearings procedures for "Inside Grazing Districts")

Subpart 1853—Grazing Proceedings (Inside Grazing Districts)

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§ 1853.1 Appeal to hearing examiner; motion to dismiss.

(a) Any applicant whose interest is adversely affected by a final decision of the district manager may appeal to an examiner by filing his appeal in the office of the district manager within 30 days after receipt of the decision. The appeal shall state the reasons, clearly and concisely, why the appellant thinks the decision of the district manager is in error. All grounds of error not stated will be considered as waived, and no such waived ground of error may be presented at the hearing unless ordered or permitted by the examiner.

(b) Any applicant for a grazing license or permit or any other person who, after proper notification, fails to protest or appeal a decision of the district manager within the period prescribed in the decision, shall be barred thereafter from challenging the matters adjudicated in such final decision.

(c) When separate appeals are filed and the issue or issues involved are common to two or more appeals, they may be consolidated for purposes of hearing and decision.

(d) The district manager will promptly forward the appeal to the State Director. Within thirty days after his receipt of the appeal the State Director may file on behalf of the district manager a written motion, serving a copy thereof upon the appellant, requesting that the appeal be dismissed for the reason that it is frivolous, the appeal was filed late, the errors are not clearly and concisely stated, the issues are immaterial, the issue or issues were included in a prior final decision from which no timely appeal was made, or all issues involved therein have been previously adjudicated in an appeal involving the same privileges, the same parties or their predecessors in interest. The appellant may file a written answer within twenty days after service of the motion upon him. The appeal, motion, the proofs of service, and the answers will be transmitted to the examiner, who shall rule on the motion, and, if the motion is sustained, dismiss the appeal by written order.

§ 1853.2 Time and place of hearing; notice; intervenors.

At least thirty days before the date set the district manager will notify the appellant of the time and place of the hearing within or near the district. Any other person who in the opinion of the district manager may be directly affected by the decision on appeal will also be notified of the hearing; such person may himself appear at the hearing, or by attorney, and upon a proper showing of interest, may be recognized by the examiner as an intervenor in the appeal.

§ 1853.3 Authority of examiner.

(a) The examiner is vested with the duty and general authority to conduct the hearing in an orderly, impartial and judicial manner, including authority to subpoena witnesses, recognize intervenors, administer oaths and affirmations, call and question witnesses, regulate the course and order of the hearing, rule upon offers of proof and the relevancy of evidence, and to make findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a decision. The examiner shall have authority to take or to cause depositions to be taken. Subpoenas, depositions, the attendance of witnesses, and witness and deposition fees shall be governed by § 1850.0–7, to the extent such regulation is applicable.

(b) The examiner also may grant or order continuances, and set the times and places of further hearings. Continuances shall be granted in accordance with § 1852.3–3, and when the ends of justice will be served thereby. Continuances will not be granted unless they are clearly justified and timely request has been made. Where it appears prior to the date of hearing that a continuance will be desired, the party desiring

the continuance should promptly file a request for continuance with the examiner, along with proof of service of the request on the district manager and on other parties. The district manager and other parties shall have five days from receipt of the request to file objection to the continuance. The examiner will then rule on the request, and, if granted, set a new date for the hearing. The district manager will notify all interested persons of the new date.

§ 1853.4 Service.

Service of notice or other documents required under this subpart shall be governed by § 1850.0–6(e). Proof of such service shall be filed in the same office where the notice or document was filed within fifteeen days after such service, unless filed with the notice or document.

§ 1853.5 Conduct of hearing.

(a) The appellant, the State director or his representative, and recognized intervenors will stipulate so far as possible all material facts and the issue or issues involved. The examiner will state any other issues on which he may wish to have evidence presented. Issues which appear to the examiner to be unnecessary to a proper disposition of the case will be excluded; but the party asserting such issue may state briefly for the record the substance of the proof which otherwise would have been offered in support of the issue. Issues not covered by the appellant's specifications of error may not be admitted except with the consent of the State director or his representative, unless the examiner rules that such issue is essential to the controversy and should be admitted. The parties will then be given an opportunity to submit offers of settlement and proposals of adjustment for the consideration of the examiner and of the other parties.

(b) Unless the examiner orders otherwise, the State director or his representative will then make the opening statement, setting forth the facts leading to the appeal (or issuance of the show cause order where that is involved). Upon the conclusion of the opening statement, the appellant shall present his case, consistent with his specifications of error. Following the appellant's presentation, or upon his failure to make such presentation, the examiner, upon his own motion or upon motion of any of the parties, may order summary dismissal of the appeal with prejudice because of the inadequacy or insufficiency of the appellant's case, to be followed by a written order setting forth the reasons for the dismissal and taking such other action under this subpart as may be proper and warranted. An appeal may be had from such order as well as from any other final determination made by the examiner.

(c) In the absence or upon denial of such motion the State Director or his representative and recognized intervenors may present evidence if such a presentation appears to the examiner to be necessary for a proper disposition of the matters in controversy, adhering as closely as possible to the issues raised by the appellant. All oral testimony shall be under oath or affirmation, and witnesses will be subject to cross-examination by any party to the proceeding. The examiner will himself question any witness whenever it appears necessary. Documentary evidence will be received by the examiner and made a part of the record, if pertinent to any issue, or may be entered by stipulation. No exception need be stated or noted and every ruling of the examiner will be subject to review on appeal. The party affected by an adverse ruling sustaining an objection to the admission of evidence, may insert in the record, as a tender of proof, a brief written statement of the substance of the excluded evidence; and the opposing party may then make an offer of proof in rebuttal. The examiner will summarily stop examination and exclude testimony on any issue which he determines has been adjudicated previously in an appeal involving the same privileges and the same parties or their predecessors in interest, or which is obviously irrelevant and immaterial to the issues in the case. At the conclusion of the testimony the parties at the hearing shall be given a reasonable opportunity, considering the number and complexity of the issues and the amount of testimony, to submit to the examiner proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law, and reasons in support thereof, or to stipulate to a waiver of such findings and conclusions.

§ 1853.6 Findings of fact and decision by examiner; notice; submission to Director for decision.

(a) As promptly as possible after the time allowed for presenting proposed findings and conclusions, the examiner will make findings of fact and conclusions of law unless waiver has been stipulated, and will render a decision upon all material issues of fact and law presented on the record. In doing so he may adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law proposed by one or more of the parties if they are correct. He must rule upon each such proposed finding and conclusion. The reasons for the findings, conclusions and decisions made shall be stated, and along with the findings, conclusions and decision, shall become a part of the record in any further appeal. A copy of the decision shall be sent by certified mail to the appellant and all intervenors, or their attorneys of record.

(b) The Director may require, in any designated case, that the examiner make only a recommended decision and that such decision and the record be submitted to the Director for consideration. In such instances the Director shall make the initial decision which shall constitute the decision of the Bureau, without prejudice to the right of any party affected to be furnished with a copy of the transcript of testimony, as provided in the next paragraph, and to appeal to the Secretary in the manner prescribed by Subpart 1844.

§ 1853.7 Appeals to the Director and the Secretary.

(a) *Notice of appeal to the Director; furnishing copies of the transcript.* Within ten days after the receipt of the decision of the examiner any party, including the State director or his representative, desiring to appeal to the Director shall file a written notice of his intention to appeal and may request a copy of the transcript of testimony. Copies of the transcript will be furnished to the State director without charge, and to other appellants and to the intervenors, at a charge of ten cents per folio, except that upon a sufficient showing to the examiner, supported by an affidavit, that an appellant or intervenor is financially unable to pay such fee, a copy will be furnished him without charge. The examiner shall include in the record proof of delivery of the transcript showing the date of such delivery. Notice of appeal and request for a copy of the transcript shall be filed through the office of the Hearing Examiner.

(b) *Appeals to the Director.* An appeal from any decision of the examiner shall be filed in the Office of the Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C., 20240, together with any brief in support thereof, within thirty days after date of receipt of the transcript of testimony, or, if the transcript is not requested, within thirty days after receipt of the examiner's decision. Within the same period a copy of the appeal and of any brief must be served on each party named in the examiner's decision, and upon the State Director, either personally or by certified mail. Any party, including the State Director, opposing the appeal will be allowed twenty days from date of receipt of the copy of the appeal and brief within which to file in the Office of the Director a reply brief, a copy of which must be served on the appellant(s) in the same manner and the same period. The appeal in other respects shall be made in accordance with Part 1840, except that no filing fee is required.

(c) *Appeals to the Secretary of the Interior.* An appeal from the decision of the Director may be made to the Secretary of the Interior in accordance with Subpart 1844.

§ 1853.8 Effect of decision suspended during appeal.

(a) An appeal shall suspend the effect of the decision from which it is taken pending final action on the appeal. Where the appeal is concerned with the grazing privileges to be granted under the current application, an appellant who was granted grazing privileges in the preceding year may continue to use such privileges pending final action on the appeal, unless the decision appealed from is made immediately effective, as herein next provided.

(b) When the orderly administration of the range or other public interest so requires, (1) the district manager may provide initially in his decision that it shall be in full force and effect pending decision on an appeal therefrom; (2) the examiner or the Director may provide in the decision on an appeal before such officer, that it shall be in full force and effect pending decision on any further appeal; (3) the Director or the Secretary may provide by interim order that any decision from which an appeal is taken shall be in full force and effect pending final decision on the appeal. Any action taken by the district manager pursuant to a decision shall be subject to modification or revocation by the Examiner, Director, or the Secretary upon an appeal from the decision. In order to insure the exhaustion of administrative remedies before resort to court action, no decision which at the time of its rendition is subject to appeal to a superior authority in the Department shall be considered final so as to be agency action subject to judicial review under section 10(c) of the Administrative Procedure Act of June 11, 1946 (60 Stat. 237), unless it has been made effective pending a decision on appeal in the manner provided in this paragraph.

§ 1853.9 Conditions of decision action.

(a) *Record as Basis of decision; definition of record.* No decision shall be rendered except on consideration of the whole record or such portions thereof as may be cited by any party or by the State Director and as supported by and in accordance with the reliable, probative and substantial evidence. The transcript of testimony and exhibits, together with all papers and requests filed in the proceeding shall constitute the exclusive record for decision.

(b) *Effect of substantial compliance.* No adjudication of grazing privileges will be set aside on appeal, if it appears that it is reasonable and that it represents a substantial compliance with the provisions of Part 4110 of this chapter.

PART 4120—GRAZING ADMINISTRATION (OUTSIDE GRAZING DISTRICTS AND EXCLUSIVE OF ALASKA); GENERAL

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Subpart 4120—Grazing Administration (Outside Grazing Districts and Exclusive of Alaska); General

§ 4120.1 Authority.

(a) Section 15 of the Taylor Grazing Act of June 28, 1934 (48 Stat. 1275, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 315m) vests discretionary authority in the Secretary of the Interior to lease for grazing purposes vacant, unappropriated, and unreserved public lands in the continental United States, exclusive of Alaska, which are not within established grazing districts.

(b) Section 4 of the O&C Act of August 28, 1937 (50 Stat. 875; 43 U.S.C. 1181d) vests in the Secretary of the Interior discretionary authority to lease for grazing purposes any revested Oregon and California Railroad and reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands in the State of Oregon, hereafter referred to as O&C lands, which may be so used without interfering with the production of timber or other purposes specified in section 1 of the Act, and to formulate rules and regulations for the use, protection, improvement, and rehabilitation of such grazing lands.

(c) The Classification and Multiple Use Act of September 19, 1964 (78 Stat. 986 as amended; 43 U.S.C. 1411–1418) expressly authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to determine which of the lands exclusively administered by him through the Bureau of Land Management are suitable for retention and management under the principles of multiple use and sustained yield. Section 5 of the Act (78 Stat. 987; 43 U.S.C. 1415) defines multiple use and sustained yield.

§ 4120.2 Definitions.

(a) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized agent.

(b) "Director" means the Director of the Bureau of Land Management or his authorized agent.

(c) "State Director" means the supervisory Bureau of Land Management official for the state in which the particular range lies, or his authorized agent.

(d) "Authorized Officer" means the Bureau of Land Management District Manager or Area Manager, to whom has been delegated the authority to take action.

(e) "District Office" means the Office of the Bureau of Land Management having direct management responsibility and administrative jurisdiction over the specific public lands involved.

(f) "Animal unit month" means the amount of forage necessary for the sustenance of one cow, or its equivalent for a period of 1 month.

(g) "Grazing capacity" means the total animal unit months of forage available from a tract or tracts of forage land during a given period.

(h) "Management area" means a designated tract or geographic area of land capable of being properly managed as a unit for multiple-use to ensure a sustained yield of forage without jeopardy to other resources or uses of the land. Such a management area may require joint use by two or more lessees.

(i) "Allotment management plan" means a program of action designed to reach specific management goals.

(j) "Grazing system" means a specified sequence of livestock grazing by designated area to accomplish management objectives.

(k) "Preference land" means the privately owned or controlled land upon which the issuance of a grazing lease is based.

(l) "Contiguous land" means land that borders upon or touches upon public land.

Subpart 4121—Awards of Grazing Leases

§ 4121.1 Qualifications of applicants.

§ 4121.1–1 Minimum qualification requirements.

An applicant for a grazing lease is qualified if:

(a) He is a person engaged in the livestock business, has a need for the grazing use of the land, and is a citizen of the United States [1] or;

(b) It is a group or association authorized to conduct business under the laws of the State in which the grazing privileges sought are to be exercised, all members of which are qualified under paragraph (a) of this section, provided that the agreement or articles of association under which the association has been formed are approved by the State Director, or;

(c) It is a corporation, the controlling interest in which is vested in persons qualified under paragraph (a) of this section and which is authorized to do business under the laws of the State in which grazing privileges sought are to be exercised: *Provided,* That the articles of incorporation have been approved by the Authorized Officer.

§ 4121.1–2 Effect of transfer arising through operation of law.

The acquisition of rights in preference land by an unqualified person through operation of law or testamentary disposition will not adversely affect any outstanding lease, or preclude the renewal of a lease based upon such land, for a period of 2 years after such acquisition. Upon the failure of such person to qualify within the 2-year period, the lease will be subject to cancellation in accordance with § 4125.1–1(h).

[1] See 43 CFR 1811.1 regarding evidence of citizenship status.

§ 4121.2 Adjudication of applications for grazing leases.

§ 4121.2–1 Minimum requirements, rating and classification of lease land.

(a) *Land resource consideration.* The Authorized Officer will determine the availability of public land for grazing leases and the amount of forage available for use by livestock in conjunction with considerations of forage reservations for watershed protection, wildlife, and other multiple uses.

(b) *Grazing capacity, seasons of use, and maximum annual period of use.* The Authorized Officer will establish the grazing capacity, determine the kind and class of livestock use to be proper for each management area and classify each area for the proper seasons of use and for the maximum period of time for which the lessee will be allowed to use the leased land therein during any one year, except that where the leased land consists chiefly of isolated or fragmented tracts of land which are not proposed for long-term retention and management, the Authorized Officer may establish the grazing capacity only.

(c) *Applicants.* Grazing leases may be issued to qualified applicants to the extent that public land is available in the following order and amounts:

(1) To applicants who are the owners, lessees, or other lawful occupants of contiguous private lands to the extent necessary to permit proper use of such contiguous lands. When the public land consists of an isolated or disconnected tract embracing 760 acres or less, owners, lessees, or other lawful occupants of lands contiguous thereto or cornering thereon shall have a preference right to lease the whole of such tract, upon terms and conditions prescribed by the Secretary: *Provided,* That the preference right must be asserted during a period of 90 days after such tract is offered for lease.

(2) To applicants owning, leasing, or lawfully occupying noncontiguous lands to the extent necessary to permit the proper use of such noncontiguous lands.

(3) To other applicants.

(d) *Conflicting applications.* (1) When more than one qualified applicant applies for the same public land and it appears that a division of the area may be made and will not result in improper land use, the Authorized Officer will allow the applicants an opportunity, within a specified time limit which he shall set, to agree to a division of the lands. A division of the lands may be made either by agreement between the conflicting applicants which is acceptable to the Authorized Officer, or by determination of the Authorized Officer where no acceptable agreement is reached. However, where it appears that a division of the land would

result in improper land use, or where proper land use management will be advanced thereby, the Authorized Officer may require that joint use be made of the management area.

(2) The Authorized Officer will allocate the use of the public land on the basis of any or all of the following factors: (i) Historical use, (ii) proper range management and use of water for livestock, (iii) proper use of the preference lands, (iv) general needs of the applicants, (v) topography, (vi) public ingress and egress across preference lands to public lands under application [2] (where access is not presently available), and (vii) other land use requirements.

§ 4121.2–2 Leases of withdrawn or reserved lands, preference right leases for lands restored from withdrawal.

(a) The Authorized Officer may issue grazing leases for public lands withdrawn for resurvey, or withdrawn and reserved in aid of legislation, or for power sites, classification or other public purposes,[3] if the use of the land for grazing is consistent with the purposes of the withdrawal. Lands included in stock driveway and public water reserve withdrawals may be leased in accordance with subpart 2321 of this chapter. Any lease issued covering withdrawn lands must contain the stipulations which have been prescribed for the protection and use of the land for the purpose for which it was withdrawn or reserved.

(b) Where public lands are restored from a withdrawal and the Authorized Officer determines that a grazing lease for the lands may be issued, the party using such lands or part thereof for grazing purposes under authority of the agency which had jurisdiction over the land immediately prior to their restoration, shall have a superior preference right to lease the restored public lands previously used by him. The preference right must be asserted by an application for a grazing lease (see § 4125.1–1(a)(1)), and must be filed within 90 days after the end of the current lease year under which the land is being used, whichever is the later. The application must be accompanied by a copy of the prior grazing lease, license, permit or other authority upon which the superior preference claim is based.

[2] Where the United States obtains such a right-of-way, it will assume responsibility therefor to the full extent authorized by law.

[3] Certain lands withdrawn for reclamation purposes are, pursuant to the cooperative agreement of Feb. 28, 1945, between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Bureau of Land Management, leased in accordance with principles of section 15 leases, under authority of subsection (I) of section 4, Act of Dec. 5, 1924 (43 Stat. 703, 43 U.S.C. sec. 501). Those lands withdrawn for reclamation purposes which are not subject to the cooperative agreement of Feb. 28, 1945, will upon restoration from the reclamation withdrawal, become subject to the provisions of paragraph (b) of this section.

§ 4121.3 Adjustments of grazing use.

§ 4121.3–2 Increases.

Increases in grazing capacity, when determined by the Authorized Officer, will be apportioned in a manner that will assist in the stabilization of the livestock operations after consideration of other land uses.

§ 4121.3–3 Decreases.

(a) Downward adjustments in authorized grazing use may be imposed during the term of a grazing lease where, for example, the lease erroneously includes lands not subject to lease, or authorizes use in excess of the grazing capacity of the leased land, or where a downward adjustment is required to facilitate other proper multiple uses on the area, or similar situations.

(b) Adjustments to balance authorized use with the proper stocking rate of the management area will be apportioned equitably or as agreed to among the lessees and the Authorized Officer. Such adjustments may be made by authorizing fewer livestock, or a shorter grazing season, or by both methods as determined by the Authorized Officer.

(c) The Authorized Officer will notify each affected lessee by certified mail of his decision to make an adjustment in authorized use to reach the proper stocking rate of any leased area. The notice will state the manner in which the adjustment is to be made and will allow 30 days from receipt thereof in which the lessee may file an appeal in accordance with § 4125.1–3. If no appeal is filed within the 30-day period, the adjustment will be made in accordance with the decision and no further appeal will be allowed. If a timely appeal is filed, the adjustment under consideration will be deferred pending a final decision on such appeal. Any adjustment provided by the final decision will be applied to its full extent for the grazing season immediately following the effective date of the decision.

(d) Public lands under a grazing lease issued pursuant to this part are subject to classification, withdrawal, or other disposal under the Taylor Grazing Act, the O&C Act, or other applicable public land laws. Reasonable notice of a pending or proposed classification, withdrawal, or disposal which might result in a diminution of the area of the leased land will be given to the lessee, consistent with Subpart 2411 of this chapter and subject to the right of protest or appeal to the Director and to the Secretary of the Interior as may be provided in such notice and the rules of practice, Part 1840 of this chapter.

Subpart 4122—Management Practices

§ 4122.1 Management considerations.

§ 4122.1–1 Multiple use.

All use and management practices, include grazing and the issuance of grazing leases, shall be in conformance with the concepts of multiple use and sustained yield (see 43 CFR 2410.0–5 (o) and (p)). Any public lands leased under the regulations of this part which are suitable for multiple use shall be managed for multiple use to the fullest extent possible, including provision of adequate access for the various multiple users. The Authorized Officer will negotiate for such access with the appropriate applicant(s) or lessee(s), utilizing Department of the Interior easement or acquisition procedures. Should negotiations prove ineffective, the United States will acquire the necessary access by appropriate legal procedures.

§ 4122.1–2 Areas of limited multiple use values.

On areas of public land with limited multiple use values the Authorized Officer may issue leases based on grazing capacity of the area only, or may include livestock numbers and season and time of use. Grazing leases based on the criteria of this section are usually for isolated and fragmented tracts of public land. However, the multiple use values involved, not size of the public land area, will be the determining factor.

§ 4122.1–3 Areas of important multiple use values.

(a) On areas of public land with important multiple use values in addition to livestock grazing or where the primary use is for sustained livestock grazing, the Authorized Officer may, before the grazing lease is issued, or where an existing lease provides for the issuance of an allotment management plan, develop in cooperation with the lease applicant or lessee an allotment management plan. Such plan shall be incorporated into the lease as a part of the terms and conditions of the lease. The plan shall provide for the proper use and conservation of the public lands, at the same time providing for the lessee the maximum possible operations flexibility. The management plan will identify objectives for the allotment, a grazing system and procedures for evaluation of management.

(b) In the absence of mutual agreement between the lessee and the Authorized Officer on an allotment management plan, the Authorized Officer may, in lieu of such plan, stipulate as a condition of the lease grazing system requirements necessary to assure proper management of the public land and its resources. In such cases the Authorized Officer may issue short-term leases until such time as he determines that the grazing system requirements are adequate to assure proper multiple use management of the public land.

§ 4122.2 Designations of grazing areas for exclusive use by specified classes of animals.

When necessary for the proper use or orderly administration of a lease area, the Authorized Officer may designate certain areas for use exclusively by a certain kind or class of livestock or wildlife.

§ 4122.3 General rules of the range.

The acts prohibited and rules of fair range practice as detailed in § 4112.3–1 and § 4112.3–2 of this chapter shall apply to all leases issued under the regulations in Part 4120.

Subpart 4123—Supervision and Inspection

§ 4123.1 Procedures for enforcement of rules and regulations.

A grazing lease may be suspended, reduced, or revoked, or renewal thereof denied for a clearly established violation of the terms or conditions of the grazing lease, or for a violation of the Taylor Grazing Act or of the O&C Act or of any of the provisions of this Part. (See § 9239.3–1 of this chapter for detailed regulations). The lease of public lands for livestock grazing under these regulations in no way limits the Bureau's authority to protect the lands against unauthorized use or occupancy.

Subpart 4124—Local Associations

§ 4124.1 Local associations of stockmen.

Grazing associations formed by lessees will be recognized in accordance with regulations detailed in § 4114.4.

Subpart 4125—Records and Administrative Procedures

§ 4125.1 Procedures.

§ 4125.1–1 Leasing procedures; requirements and conditions.

(a) *Filing and action on lease applications.* (1) An application for a grazing lease shall be executed on a form approved by the Director and filed in the District Office of the Bureau of Land Management having management responsibility over the public lands applied for in the application. Proof of ownership or control of contiguous lands may be required by the Authorized Officer where the applicant seeks to assert a preference right.

(2) A service fee of $10 will be charged for all applications to lease public lands including initial applications and those made pursuant to assignments and consolidations. However, no fee will be charged for consolidations requested by the Authorized Officer or for a regular renewal of an existing lease.

(3) Applications to lease lands included in existing grazing leases, including lease renewals, must be filed not less than 30 days nor more than 90 days prior to the expiration of the current lease. An application not filed within this period

may be rejected by the Authorized Officer as not timely filed. Applications for lands not under lease may be filed at any time.

(4) A timely filed application for renewal of an existing grazing lease does not confer on the lessee any right to a renewal but will authorize the continued grazing use of the lands by the lessee in accordance with the provisions of the existing lease pending final action on the application for renewal. The fee for such extended use shall be consistent with the then current fee schedule.

(5) An application for a grazing lease must describe the lands applied for by one of the following methods: (i) By legal subdivisions, or (ii) by metes and bounds description, or (iii) by designated management area.

(6) An application for a grazing lease may include O&C lands or public lands or combinations thereof.

(b) *No right is conferred by application prior to lease.* Since the issuance of a grazing lease is discretionary, the filing of an application for lands not then under lease does not create any right in the applicant to use the lands applied for pending the issuance of a grazing lease.

(c) *Action on defective and nonallowable applications.* (1) The Authorized Officer may require any defects in an application be corrected or additional information to be furnished. The Authorized Officer may reject any application if the applicant fails to correct defects in the application or fails to provide the additional information within the time allowed, which period shall not be less than fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt by the applicant of notice of such defects or required information.

(2) The Authorized Officer shall reject the application if the land applied for (i) is in an allowed entry, (ii) is otherwise appropriated or reserved and not subject to lease under the Taylor Grazing Act or the O&C Act, (iii) is not public land, (iv) is under existing grazing lease, or (v) is of such character that livestock grazing would be detrimental to the resources or other uses of the land.

(d) *Consolidations.* A consolidation of leases held by a lessee may be requested by the lessee on a renewal application or may be required by the Authorized Officer on his own motion. The term of the consolidated lease shall be determined through negotiation between the lessee and the Authorized Officer.

(e) *Protests and appeals*—(1) *Protests.* A protest against the approval of an application for a lease should be filled in the same office where the application for a grazing lease was filed; it should describe the lands involved, contain a complete disclosure of all facts upon which the protest is based, and be accompanied by evidence of service on the applicant of a copy of the protest. The Authorized Officer will consider the protest, and will serve a copy of his decision on the affected parties in person or by certified mail, and in accordance with § 4125.1–3 will advise the protestant and other parties of their right to appeal to the Director.

(2) *Appeal by applicant.* The lease will be executed by the Authorized Officer and transmitted to the lessee only after final action action is taken on any protest or appeals which may have been filed. The applicant's signature to the lease shall constitute his acceptance of the lease as executed by the Authorized Officer. Nonacceptance of the lease does not prejudice the applicant's right to appeal.

(f) *Additional requirements and stipulations.* In addition to the provisions set forth in the standard Grazing Lease Form, the lease will provide for the multiple use requirements of the area, the number of livestock to be grazed, proper grazing seasons, allotment management plan, grazing system, reservation for authorized trailing, and any other conditions or requirements which the Authorized Officer may deem necessary and proper, except as provided under §§ 4121.2–1(b), 4122.1–2, and 4122.1–3.

(g) *Subleases.* No part of the lease land may be subleased by the lessee. The grazing on the lease area of livestock not owned or controlled by the lessee with or without the lessee's consent is prohibited.

(h) *Cancellation or reduction of leases; show cause, appeal to Director.* Leases are subject to cancellation or reduction for the lessee's failure to comply with the terms of the lease or the provisions of this part of the regulations, or in any case that a lease confers use in excess of that properly allowable. In any such case the Authorized Officer will notify the lessee that the lease is being held for cancellation or reduction in whole or in part, and will allow the lessee fifteen (15) days from receipt of the notice within which to show cause why such action should not be taken. The notice will fully set forth the reasons for the proposed action, specifically referring to the pertinent provisions of the regulations, and will be served on the lessee personally or by certified mail. The Authorized Officer will consider any cause shown and, if not satisfied as to its sufficiency, or if no cause is shown, he will notify the lessee personally or by certified mail that the lease has been cancelled or reduced as the case may be. Such decision is subject to appeal to the Director in accordance with § 4125.1–3.

(i) *Terms and conditions.* The issuance and continued effectiveness of all grazing leases will be subject to the following terms and conditions.

(1) A grazing lease will authorize grazing use not in excess of the grazing capacity available for use by livestock as determined by the Authorized Officer in accordance with § 4121.2–1(b).

(2) Grazing leases will provide for the grazing of livestock on the leased land only during that part or parts of the year for which the area has been classified as proper for use, except as provided in § 4121.2–1(b).

(3) Upon the diminution of the public land used under any grazing lease due to withdrawal, appropriation, selection, or otherwise, the lease will be adjusted proportionately to the reduced grazing

capacity and the grazing fee will be adjusted accordingly commencing with the ensuing lease year.

(4) The grazing lease will be terminated in whole or in part because of loss of control by the lessee of non-Federal lands that have been recognized as the basis for a grazing lease.

(5) The area of the leased land may be reduced if it is determined that the land is required for the protection of forest plantations or sources of community water supply; or for recreation facilities, wildlife habitat, stock driveways, roads, trails, townsites; or for other public purposes. When it is determined by the Authorized Officer that the leased land is excessive to the lessee's need or that the lessee is not making substantial use of the leased land, the Authorized Officer may cancel the lease, reduce the acreage of the grazing lease, or reduce the grazing use allowed in accordance with the provisions of § 4125.1–1(h). In the case of any such acreage reduction a proportionate fee adjustment will be made. If the entire grazing lease is cancelled, the Director may refund any portion of the grazing fees paid for the cancelled lease term.

(6) The Authorized Officer may establish the size and boundaries of a grazing lease area to facilitate the proper and effective management of the resources. In so doing, he will give consideration to seasons of use, topography, and establishment of systems of grazing and any other pertinent factors. He may determine that two or more applicants shall be authorized to use the public land within a management area.

(7) The Authorized Officer may make adjustments in grazing leases at any time when necessary to comply with these regulations for the public lands.

(8) If necessary to rehabilitate the vegetative resources on the public land, the Authorized Officer may temporarily close the leased land to grazing or reduce livestock use whenever vegetal cover is depleted due to drought, epidemic, fire or any other cause, or for rehabilitation of the area. Such action will not exclude the closed area from the grazing lease.

(9) Authorized grazing use of the leased land may be adjusted by the Authorized Officer to conform to needed refinements in the allotment management plan as a result of more accurate determinations of grazing capacity, season and area of use, class of livestock, etc. Proportionate adjustment will be made in the annual grazing fee for the subsequent grazing season.

(10) The issuance of a grazing lease does not alter or restrict the authorized public use of the leased land including, but not limited to, hunting, fishing, camping, or hiking on such lands in accordance with the laws of the United States or of the State in which the lands are located, nor may the lessee interfere in any manner with the proper exercise of such rights. Neither shall the lessee maintain locked gates, signs, or other devices which prevent or interfere with public use of the leased land. Nor shall the lessee restrict or limit prospecting, locating, developing, mining, or patenting the mineral resources in the public land; miners, prospectors, and mineral lessees of the United States and all other authorized persons shall be entitled to enter the leased land for all lawful purposes.

(11) The Authorized Officer may require the lessee, as a condition to the granting and continued effectiveness of grazing leases, to fence or to contribute an equitable share to the cost of fencing the allotted areas and the maintenance of such fences.

(j) *Change in grazing seasons.* Any lessee who desires to use the leased land for a period or periods other than those authorized by his lease may, upon written approval of the Authorized Officer and prior to his annual billing notice, be allowed to use the amount of his authorized grazing use during any other period of time for which the lease area is classified as proper for use: *Provided*:

(1) Adjustment in season, time, or numbers does not result in an increase in the number of animal unit months utilized;

(2) Such use will not be detrimental to the resources of the leased area; and

(3) Such use will not adversely affect other lessees.

(k) *Interest of Members of Congress prohibited.* No Member of or delegate to Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of any grazing lease issued or to derive any benefit to arise therefrom (41 U.S.C. sec. 22; 18 U.S.C. sec. 431–433).

l) *Exchange-of-use agreements.* The Authorized Officer may enter into an exchange-of-use agreement with any applicant having ownership or control of non-Federal land interspersed with and normally grazed in conjunction with the surrounding public land. The grazing use authorized, will be without payment of fees, and will not exceed the grazing capacity of such non-Federal land.

(m) *Fees for grazing leases and crossing permits*—(1) *Lease rates.* Each holder of a grazing lease will be charged annual grazing fees for the animal unit months (AUM's) authorized by the grazing lease, at a rate per animal unit month (AUM). All grazing fee billings shall be issued in accordance with the rates prescribed in subdivision (ii) of this subparagraph. All livestock six (6) months of age or over allowed on the leased area will be considered as a part of the total number for which a lease has been issued. No fees will be charged for livestock under 6 months of age.

(i) A minimum annual charge of $10 will be made on all leases.

(ii) The rate or rates per AUM for the fee year, beginning March 1 and ending the last day of February, will be established by the Director, and notice thereof shall be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER. The rate or rates will become effective as of the date of such publication and will be applied to all billing notices issued thereafter.

(2) *Crossing permits.* Upon application filed with the Authorized Officer by any person showing the necessity for crossing the public lands with livestock for proper and lawful purposes, a crossing permit may be issued to him at a charge, payable in advance, of 1 cent per head per day for cattle, 2 cents per head per day for horses, and one-fifth cent per head per day for sheep and goats. A minimum charge of $10 will be made for each crossing permit, except that no fee will be charged where the trail to be used is so limited that no substantial amount of forage will be consumed in transit.

(3) *Payment of rental fees and effect of failure to pay.* No grazing lease or renewal thereof shall be executed by the Authorized Officer until payment of all fees due the United States under the regulations in this part has been made. The first grazing fee payment must be made within 15 days of receipt of billing; if not paid within that time, the lease shall not be issued by the Authorized Officer. Upon timely payment of the first grazing fee payment, the lease will be executed and forwarded to the lessee. Subsequent annual grazing fee payments are due the United States upon receipt of the billing notice and are payable in advance of the first grazing period for the full amount as indicated on the fee notice. No lease shall be effective to authorize grazing use thereunder until such advance payment has been made. A lease may be canceled pursuant to § 4125.1–1 (h) for failure to make timely payment.

(4) *Refunds.* No refunds of grazing fees properly paid in accordance with the regulations in this part and the terms of the grazing lease will be made because of the lessee's failure to make full grazing use as authorized by the lease. However, during periods of range depletion due to severe drought or other natural causes or in case of a general epidemic of livestock disease during the life of the grazing lease, the Director on proper application may remit, refund, reduce in whole or in part, or postpone the payment of grazing fees for such period of depletion or general epidemic as he may determine. No part of the grazing fee paid will be refunded because of cancellation, relinquishment, or assignment, except as provided in § 4125.1–1(i) (3), (5), (8), and (9).

(n) *Period of lease.* A grazing lease or lease renewal may be issued for any period not in excess of 10 years and may be limited by the Authorized Officer to the term of a lease or control of lands that have been recognized as the basis for the grazing lease.

§ 4125.1–2 Assignment and relinquishment of grazing lease.

(a) *Assignment of grazing lease.* The lessee may assign a grazing lease only with the consent of the Authorized Officer; provided that the assignee has control of preference lands. The Authorized Officer will require the assignee to furnish proof of ownership or control of preference lands. The proposed assignment must be made on a form approved by the Director and must be filed with the Authorized Officer within 90 days from date of its execution. It must contain all the terms and conditions agreed upon between the parties and will be made effective only for the unexpired period of the assignor's lease. The assignment, properly executed and signed by the assignor, and the new application signed by the assignee will constitute the assignee's acceptance of the terms of the grazing lease. No assignment will be recognized or confer on the assignee any right to use the leased area until approved by the Authorized Officer. Advance grazing fees paid by the assignor may be credited to the assignee. All cooperative agreements and permits to construct or maintain range improvements on the leased land must be assigned at the time of the grazing lease assignment.

(b) *Relinquishment of grazing lease.* Upon written request, the Authorized Officer may accept a grazing lease relinquishment, in whole or in part, provided that all fees and charges then due have been paid.

§ 4125.1–3 Appeals.

Any applicant or lessee whose interest is adversely affected by a final decision of the Authorized Officer may appeal to the Director, and from the Director to the Secretary, in accordance with the procedure for appeals and contests set forth in Part 1840 of this chapter.

§ 4125.1–4 Range improvements and contributions.

(a) *Construction and maintenance of improvements on the leased lands*—(1) *Qualifications of applicant for range improvement permit.* An applicant for a permit to construct or maintain range improvements, or to use and maintain range improvements constructed and owned by a prior occupant of the leased land, must be qualified under § 4121.1–1 and hold a valid lease.

(2) *Applications.* Applications for permits must be approved prior to construction. Applications for permits must be filed with the Authorized Officer on a form approved by the Director. Construction of range improvements without an approved permit may result in cancellation of the grazing lease as provided in § 4125.1–1(h).

(3) *Appeals.* The Authorized Officer will act on the application and such action shall be final unless the applicant appeals in accordance with § 4125.1–3.

(4) *Assignments.* Assignments of range improvement permits must be be filed with the Authorized Officer on a form approved by the Director and are not effective until approved by the Authorized Officer.

(5) *Permit standards.* The Authorized Officer will specify the minimum Bureau of Land Management standards and design for all range improvements. Failure to comply with the standards and design

may result in cancellation of the range improvement permit and/or the grazing lease as provided in § 4125.1–1(h).

(6) *Cooperative agreements.* A lessee may enter into a cooperative agreement with the Authorized Officer to construct and maintain range improvements upon the leased land. Failure to comply with the terms of such an agreement within a reasonable time, as allowed by the Authorized Officer, may result in the cancellation of the agreement and/or the grazing lease as provided in § 4125.1–1(h). A cooperative agreement for range improvements shall be made on a form approved by the Director.

(7) *Removal of improvements; compensation for loss of improvements.* (i) When a grazing lease expires or is terminated, the Authorized Officer may require an applicant for a subsequent lease to agree to compensate the prior lessee for the current value of his share of the cost of authorized permanent improvements placed on the leased land. The prior lessee must file a written application for compensation within 30 days after the date of termination or expiration of his lease or the date of the final decision terminating it. The amount of compensation shall be determined in accordance with § 4125.1–4(a)(8)(i). The failure of the new lessee to pay the prior lessee in accordance with such agreement shall be cause for cancellation of the new grazing lease.

(ii) The leasee will be allowed ninety (90) days from the date of expiration or termination of the grazing lease within which to remove improvements not disposed of in the manner set forth in subdivision (i) of this subparagraph; if not removed or otherwise disposed of within the said period or any extension thereof granted by the Authorized Officer, such improvements shall become the property of the United States. No improvements may be removed if the lessee is in default with respect to the grazing lease.

(8) *Leased land subject to disposition; compensation for loss of improvements.* (i) Ordinarily, before an application for disposal of leased lands under the public land laws is allowed, the applicant must agree to compensate the lessee or other party for any authorized range improvements in which the lessee or other party has a financial investment. If the parties are unable to agree to the amount, manner, and time for compensation for such improvements, such matters shall be determined by the Authorized Officer. The failure of the applicant to comply with the agreement or the conditions fixed by the Authorized Officer shall be cause for cancellation of any right or interest in the land acquired by the applicant by reason of the allowance of the application. If improvements have been constructed in whole or in part with Federal funds, are administered by the Bureau of Land Management, and the application for disposal is in satisfaction of any lieu or indemnity selection right of any State under R.S. 2275, as amended (43 U.S.C. 851), the application may be allowed in the discretion of the Authorized Officer without compensation to the United States for its share of the value of the improvements. In such cases, the Authorized Officer shall determine whether the grazing improvements are needed by the United States and whether the probable salvage value is sufficient to warrant removal of the salvageable materials.

(b) *Contributions for administration, protection, and improvement of public lands.* The Authorized Officer may accept contributions, made under section 9 of the Taylor Grazing Act, of labor, materials, equipment, or money, toward any of the Bureau's functions in administering, protecting, and improving public lands under its jurisdiction.

(1) Any individual, association, corporation, State or local body or private group, may enter into an agreement with the Authorized Officer with respect to such contribution.

§ 4125.1–5 Pledge of leases as security for loans.

(a) A grazing lease may be pledged as security for a loan from a lending agency if the loan is for the purpose of furthering the lessee's livestock operations. Before a loan is made, the lending agency may obtain from the Authorized Officer a written statement concerning the status of the grazing lease and related information. A service charge of $10 will be made for searching the records, except that Federal and State lending agencies shall be exempt from such charge.

(b) A borrower-lessee desiring an extension of the grazing lease term may file a request therefor with the Authorized Officer, setting forth the name of the lending agency, purpose and amount of the loan, and the need for an extension of the grazing lease. If the Authorized Officer determines that an extension will not conflict with the applicable laws and is not contrary to the public interest, he may issue a new grazing lease for a period up to 10 years from the date of the loan but not to exceed the period of the loan.

(c) If the preference land of a lessee is acquired by a lending agency through foreclosure or otherwise, the agency, its grantees and lessees, or parties authorized by it to occupy the preference lands, may, if qualified, file an application for the issuance of a new grazing lease. If, in selling the property, the lending agency takes back the mortgage on the property, the agency will receive the same administrative consideration as in the case of an original loan.

(d) Where a lending agency files notice with the Authorized Officer that it has made a loan and has accepted a grazing lease as security, such agency will be advised of any adverse action taken affecting the lease. The failure of the Bureau of Land Management to give timely notice of any such adverse action shall impose no liability or obligation on the Bureau of Land Management or any of its employees.

§ 9239.3 Grazing.

§ 9239.3–1 Outside grazing districts.

(a) Grazing livestock upon, allowing livestock to drift and graze on, or driving livestock across lands that are subject to lease or permit under the provisions of this subpart or within a stock driveway, without a lease or other authorization from the Bureau of Land Management, is prohibited and constitutes trespass. Trespassers will be liable in damages to the United States for the forage consumed and for injury to Federal property, and may be subject to civil and criminal prosecution for such unlawful acts.

(b) A lessee who grazes livestock in violation of the terms and conditions of his lease by exceeding numbers specified, or by allowing the livestock to be on Federal land in an area or at a time different from that designated shall be in default and shall be subject to the provisions of § 4122.6 of this chapter. In addition he may be subject to trespass action in accordance with the practices and procedures in §§ 9239.3–2(a), 9239.3–2(c) (1), (2), (3), (4), 9239.3–2(d), and 9239.3–2(g) of this chapter, modified so far as practicable and necessary to include Federal land outside of established grazing districts.

(c) When the alleged trespasser is not a lessee of lands under the regulations of this subpart the signing officer may take action against the trespasser in accordance with the practices and procedures in §§ 9239.3–2(a), 9239.3–2(c) (1), (2), (3), (4), 9239.3–2(d), and 9239.3–2(g) of this chapter modified so far as practicable and necessary to include lands subject to lease under the provisions of this subpart or within a stock driveway.

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Title 43—PUBLIC LANDS: INTERIOR

Chapter II—Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior

SUBCHAPTER B—LAND TENURE MANAGEMENT (2000)

[Circular 2267]

PART 2230—SPECIAL USES

Subpart 2234—Rights-of-Way

PROCESSING AND GRANTING OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY OVER LANDS ADMINISTERED BY FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

1. In § 2234.1–2, paragraph (a)(1) is amended to read as follows:

§ 2234.1–2 Procedures.

(a) *Application.* (1) The application shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with the requirements of this section. It should be in typewritten form or legible handwriting. It must specify that it is made pursuant to the regulations in this part and that the applicant agrees that the right-of-way if approved, will be subject to the terms and conditions of the applicable regulations contained in this part. It should also cite the act to be invoked and state the primary purpose for which the right-of-way is to be used. Applications shall be filed in accordance with the provisions of § 1821.2 of this chapter, except that applications for rights-of-way over or through reservation lands administered by the National Park Service shall be filed with the Director of the National Park Service, Washington, D.C. 20240, and applications for rights-of-way over and through reservation lands administered by the Fish and Wildlife Service shall be filed with the appropriate Regional Director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife in accordance with 50 CFR 29.21–2. If the right-of-way has been utilized without authority prior to the time the application is made, the application must state the date such utilization commenced and by whom, and the date the applicant alleges he obtained control of the improvements.

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2. In § 2234.1–3, a new paragraph (g) is added, to read as follows:

§ 2234.1–3 Nature of interest.

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(g) *Areas administered by Fish and Wildlife Service.* Pursuant to any statute, including those listed in this subpart, applicable to reservation lands administered by the Fish and Wildlife Service, rights-of-way over or through such lands will be issued by the Director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, or his delegate, under the regulations in 50 CFR Part 29.

§ 2234.2–4 [Amended]

3. In § 2234.2–4 *Under title 23, United States Code,* paragraph (b)(1)(a) is amended to read as follows:

(b) *Application; grants.* (1)(i) Except where an application involves lands wholly within an Indian reservation applications for rights-of-way and material sites under title 23, United States Code, for lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior, together with four copies of a durable and legible map shall be filed by the appropriate State highway department in the manner prescribed by § 2234.1–2(a). Maps should accurately describe the land or interest in land desired, showing the survey of the right-of-way, properly located with respect to the public land surveys so that said right-of-way may be accurately located on the ground by any competent engineer or land surveyor. The map should comply with the requirements of § 2234.1–2(d)(1)(i) through (viii). Applications for lands wholly within an Indian reservation shall be filed in the office of the superintendent of Indian Affairs agency which has jurisdiction over the lands, or for lands for which there is no agency, in the office of the Area Director who has jurisdiction over the lands. Applications for lands administered by the National Park Service shall be filed with the Director of the National Park Service, Washington, D.C. 20240, and applications for lands administered by the Fish and Wildlife Service shall be filed with the appropriate Regional Director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, both of whom, notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs (3) and (4) of this paragraph, shall process such applications and issue grants of rights-of-way in accordance with the regulations of this subpart. Applications for lands outside of the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior shall be filed pursuant to the rules or regulations of the Department or agency having jurisdiction over the lands.

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4. In view of the Act of October 15, 1966 (80 Stat. 937), which transferred to and vested in the Secretary of Transportation all functions, powers and duties of the Secretary of Commerce and other offices and officers of the Department of Commerce under Title 23, United States Code, all references in § 2234.2–4 to "Secretary of Commerce" and "Department of Commerce" are revised to read "Secretary of Transportation" and "Department of Transportation," respectively.

RUSSELL E. TRAIN,
Under Secretary of the Interior.

DECEMBER 12, 1969.

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Title 43—PUBLIC LANDS: INTERIOR

Chapter II—Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior

SUBCHAPTER D—RANGE MANAGEMENT (4000)

[Circular No. 2268]

PART 4110—GRAZING ADMINISTRATION (INSIDE GRAZING DISTRICTS) (THE FEDERAL RANGE CODE FOR GRAZING DISTRICTS)

Subpart 4115—Records and Administrative Procedures

LICENSES AND PERMITS.

Subdivision (ii) of subparagraph (1) of paragraph (k) of § 4115.2–1 is amended as follows:

§ 4115.2–1 License and permit procedures; requirements and conditions.

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(k) *Fees, payments, and refunds*—(1) *Fees.* * * *

(ii) Fees will be established by the Secretary in nine equal annual increments, effective with the fee year beginning March 1, 1971, to attain the fair market value of range forage at the 1979 fee year. Fair market value is that value established by the Western Livestock Grazing Survey of 1966 or as determined by a similar study which may be conducted periodically to update the fee base, if deemed necessary. Annual adjustments may also be made for any of the 1970–79 fee years, and thereafter, to reflect current market values.

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WALTER J. HICKEL,
Secretary of the Interior.

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Title 43—PUBLIC LANDS: INTERIOR

Chapter II—Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior

[Circular No. 2269]

DELETION OF OBSOLETE REGULATIONS

Effective upon publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER, the following regulations are deleted from Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations:

In Part 1810—Introduction and General Guidance, Subpart 1811—Qualifications of Applicants is deleted in its entirety.

In Subpart 1813—Public Land Records, delete §§ 1813.1–2, 1813.1–3, and 1813.2.

In Subpart 1821—Execution and Filing of Forms of Part 1820 delete §§ 1821.3–1 (b), 1821.3–2 (b), (c), 1821.3–3, 1821.3–6, 1821.4–1(b), 1821.4–3, 1821.5–4, 1821.6–6, and 1821.7.

In Subpart 1822—Payments, Repayments, and Bonds delete §§ 1822.3–1(a), 1822.3–1(b)(2), 1822.3–2, 1822.3–3(a), 1822.3–3(b)(5), 1822.3–9, and 1822.4.

In Subpart 1823—Proofs and Testimony delete §§ 1823.5–1(b) and 1823.5–2.

In Subpart 1824—Publication and Posting of Notices delete §§ 1824.1–1 (b), (c), 1824.2, and 1824.9.

In Subpart 1825—Relinquishments delete § 1825.3.

In Part 1860—Conveyancing Documents, Subpart 1861—Final Certificates is deleted in its entirety.

In Subpart 1862—Patent Preparation and Issuance delete §§ 1862.2(b), 1862.2 (c), 1862.5(b), and 1862.7.

In Subpart 2013—Segregation of Lands of Part 2010 delete §§ 2013.1 (a), (b), 2013.2–1, 2013.2–5, 2013.5, and 2013.9–5.

In Subpart 2023—Minerals (Nonmineral Entries on Mineral Lands) of Part 2020 delete §§ 2023.0–3(b), 2023.1–1(b), 2023.1–4, 2023.2–1 (b), (e), 2023.2–3, 2023.2–5(a), 2023.2–6, 2023.3, 2023.5–3 (b), (c), 2023.5–4, and 2023.6–1 (b) to (e).

Subpart 2025—Improvements is deleted in its entirety.

In Part 2030—Special Considerations, Subpart 2031—Alaska is deleted in its entirety.

In Subpart 2033—Veterans delete §§ 2033.0–3(e), 2033.0–5(b), 2033.1–1(b)(2), 2033.1–1(c) (4), (5), and (6), 2033.1–1(d), 2033.1–4(c)(3), 2033.1–5, 2033.2–5(c), and 2033.2–8.

In Subpart 2120—Leases; General of Part 2120 delete § 2120.0–3(b).

In Part 2220—Dispositions; General, Subpart 2201—Private Entries is deleted in its entirety.

Subpart 2202—Price of Public Lands is deleted in its entirety.

In Subpart 2211—Homesteads of Part 2210 delete §§ 2211.0–8 (b), (c), (e), 2211.0–9, 2211.1–2(b)(2)(ii), 2211.2–2(e)(1)(ii) and (iii), 2211.2–3(c), 2211.5–2, 2211.5–3, 2211.6–3, 2211.6–7, 2211.6–9, 2211.7–1(b)(1), 2211.7–1 (d), (e), (f), 2211.7–2, and 2211.7–6(f)(2).

In Subpart 2212—Native Allotments delete §§ 2212.0–7(a)(3), 2212.1–2, 2212.1–4, 2212.2–3(f), 2212.2–3(g), 2212.3, 2212.4, and 2212.5.

In Subpart 2221—Scrip of Part 2220 delete §§ 2221.0–7(g), 2221.1–1(b), 2221.1–2(b), 2221.1–4, 2221.2–2, 2221.3, 2221.4, 2221.8, and 2221.9.

In Subpart 2222—State Grants delete §§ 2222.1–1(d), 2222.3–6(b), 2222.6 (including Appendix "A"), and 2222.9–3.

In Subpart 2224—Railroad Grants delete §§ 2224.1, and 2224.2.

In Subpart 2226—Desert Land Act delete §§ 2226.0–1(b), 2226.0–6(a)(2), 2226.0–7(d)(1)(i), 2226.0–7(d)(2), 2226.2–7, and 2226.2–8.

In Subpart 2233—Small Tract of Part 2230 delete §§ 2233.6(b), 2233.7, and 2233.9–3.

In Part 2240—Sales and Exchanges, Subpart 2241—Alaska Public Sales Act is deleted in its entirety.

In Subpart 2242—Townsites delete §§ 2242.0–8, 2242.3–7(c), 2242.4–1, 2242.6–2, 2242.6–3, 2242.6–4, 2242.7–1, and 2242.9–5 (c), (g), (h), (i).

In Subpart 2244—Exchanges delete §§ 2244.1–2(g)(3) and 2244.5–1(b).

Subpart 2245—Alaska Housing Act is deleted in its entirety.

In Subpart 2251—Choctaw-Chickasaw of Part 2250 delete § 2251.1–4.

In Subpart 2311—Withdrawals of Part 2310 delete §§ 2311.1–2(b), 2311.1–2(c), and 2311.3.

In Subpart 2321—Bureau of Land Management of Part 2320 delete §§ 2321.1–2(a)(2), 2321.1–2(d)(2), and 2321.1–4(c).

In Subpart 2323—Bureau of Reclamation delete §§ 2323.0–1, 2323.3, and 2323.5.

Part 2330—National Defense Agencies is deleted in its entirety.

WALTER J. HICKEL,
Secretary of the Interior.

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SUBCHAPTER B—LAND TENURE MANAGEMENT
(2000)

[Circular No. 2270]

PART 2220—GRANTS

Subpart 2222—State Grants

SELECTION OF UNSURVEYED LAND

1. Section 2222.1–1 (a) and (b) are amended to read as follows:

§ 2222.1–1 Authority.

(a) Sections 2275 and 2276 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (43 U.S.C. 851, 852), referred to in §§ 2222.1–1 to 2222.1–5 as "the law," authorize the public land States except Alaska to select lands (or the retained or reserved interest of the United States in lands which have been disposed of with a reservation to the United States of all minerals, or any specified mineral or minerals, which interest is referred to in §§ 2222.1–1 to 2222.1–5 as the "mineral estate") of equal acreage within their boundaries as indemnity for grant lands in place lost to the States because of appropriation before title could pass to the State or because of natural deficiencies resulting from such cause as fractional sections and fractional townships.

(b) The law provides that indemnity for lands lost because of natural deficiencies will be selected from the unappropriated, nonmineral, public lands, and that indemnity for lands lost before title could pass to the State will be selected from the unappropriated, public lands subject to the following restrictions:

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2. In § 2222.1–3(d), paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) are amended to read as follows, a new subparagraph (4) is added and existing (4) is renumbered (5):

§ 2222.1–3 Applications for selection.

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(d) * * *

(1) The selected land and base lands must be described in accordance with the official plats of survey except that unsurveyed lands will be described in terms of protracted surveys as officially approved in accordance with 43 CFR 3123.8(c). If the unsurveyed lands are not covered by protracted surveys the lands must be described in terms of their probable legal description, if and when surveyed in accordance with the rectangular system of public land surveys, or if the State Director gives written approval therefor, by a metes and bounds description adequate to identify the lands accurately.

(2) The selection in any one application must not exceed 12,000 acres. This limitation shall not apply to unsurveyed lands if the State Director finds that the selection of a larger tract would not be inconsistent with the management of the remaining public lands and their resources. However, in this latter event, the unsurveyed lands selected must be in one tract.

(3) Separate base or bases must be assigned to each smallest legal subdivision of selected surveyed land or mineral estate and to each tract of unsurveyed land. Such base or bases must correspond in area with each subdivision or tract. A portion of a smallest actual or probable legal subdivision may be assigned as base but such assignment is an election to take indemnity for the entire subdivision and is a waiver of the State's rights to such subdivision, except that any remaining balance may be used as base for future selections.

(4) For purposes of selecting unsurveyed land a protracted section shall be considered to be a smallest legal subdivision except where the State Director finds otherwise.

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3. A new § 2222.1–6 is added to read as follows:

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§ 2222.1–6 Application for selection of unsurveyed lands.

(a) The authorized officer will reject any application for selection of unsurveyed lands if: (1) The costs of survey of the lands would grossly exceed the average per-acre costs of surveying public lands under the rectangular system of surveys in the State in which the lands are located, or (2) if the conveyance of the lands would create serious problems in the administration of the remaining public lands or resources thereof or would significantly diminish the value of the remaining public lands. The term "remaining public lands" means the public lands from which the applied-for lands would be separated by survey.

(b) In addition to the provisions of this section, applications for selection of unsurveyed lands are subject to the provisions of Subparts 2410 and 2411.

WALTER J. HICKEL,
Secretary of the Interior.

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Title 43—PUBLIC LANDS: INTERIOR

Chapter II—Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior

SUBCHAPTER C—MINERALS MANAGEMENT (3000)

[Circular 2271]

PART 3130—COAL LEASES, PERMITS AND LICENSES

Coal Application Requirements

1. Paragraph (d) of § 3131.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 3131.1 Acreage limitations.

* * * * *

(d) A person, association, or corporation may file with the appropriate land office an application or applications for coal leases or permits for acreage in addition to the 46,080 acres which application or applications shall be in multiples of 40 acres, not exceeding a total of 5,120 additional acres in any one State, and shall contain: (1) A statement showing that the granting of a lease or permit for such additional lands is necessary to carry on business economically and is in the public interest, and (2) a statement of direct or indirect interests in other Federal and non-Federal coal leases and permits in the State, identifying the Federal leases by serial numbers, and (3) a statement of estimated reserve of coal that applicant has from any other source within the State.

§ 3131.2 [Amended]

2. Paragraph (d) of § 3131.2 is deleted and paragraph (e) of that section is redesignated as paragraph (d).

3. Paragraph (a)(3) of § 3132.2 is hereby amended, to read as follows:

§ 3132.2 Application for lease.

(a) * * *

(3) A statement of interests, direct or indirect, in other identified Federal coal leases, permits or applications therefor in the same State. Such total interests may not exceed 46,080 acres, except that if applicant is a railroad or corporation operating a common carrier such total interests may not exceed 10,240 acres.

WALTER J. HICKEL,
Secretary of the Interior.

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SUBCHAPTER A—GENERAL MANAGEMENT (1000)

[Circular 2272]

PART 1840—APPEALS PROCEDURES

Subpart 1840—Appeals Procedures; General

EXHAUSTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

In § 1840.0–9 the present paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) are redesignated (c), (d), and (e), respectively, and a new paragraph (b) is added to read as follows:

§ 1840.0–9 General provisions.

* * * * *

(b) *Exhaustion of administrative remedies.* No decision which at the time of its rendition is subject to appeal under the regulations of this part to the Director or to the Secretary shall be considered final so as to be agency action subject to judicial review under 5 U.S.C. section 704, unless it has been made effective pending a decision on appeal in the manner provided in paragraph (a) of this section.

WALTER J. HICKEL,
Secretary of the Interior.

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Title 43—PUBLIC LANDS: INTERIOR

[Circular 2273]

Subtitle A—Office of the Secretary of the Interior

Chapter II—Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior

APPEALS IN PUBLIC LAND CASES

PART 23—SURFACE EXPLORATION, MINING AND RECLAMATION OF LANDS

1. Section 23.12 is amended to read as follows:

§ 23.12 Appeals.

(a) A person adversely affected by a decision or order of a district manager or of a mining supervisor made pursuant to the provisions of this part shall have a right of appeal to the Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, whenever the decision appealed from was rendered by a district manager, or to the Director of the Geological Survey if the decision or order appealed from was rendered by a mining supervisor, and the further right to appeal to the Secretary of the Interior from an adverse decision of the Director of the Geological Survey unless such decision was approved by the Secretary prior to promulgation.

(b) Appeals to the Board of Land Appeals shall be made pursuant to Part 1840 of this title. Appeals to the Director of the Geological Survey and appeals from his decisions to the Secretary of the Interior shall be made in the manner provided in 30 CFR 221.66.

(c) In any case involving a permit, lease, or contract for lands under the jurisdiction of an agency other than the Department of the Interior, or a bureau of the Department of the Interior other than the Bureau of Land Management, the officer rendering a decision or order shall designate the authorized officer of such agency as an adverse party on whom a copy of any notice of appeal and any statement of reasons, written arguments, or briefs must be served.

(d) Hearings to present evidence on an issue of fact before a hearing examiner may be ordered by the Board of Land Appeals or the Director of the Geological Survey, as the case may be, in accordance with the procedure set forth in § 1843.5 and Part 1850 of this title.

PART 1840—APPEALS PROCEDURES

2. Section 1840.0–3 is amended to read as follows:

§ 1840.0–3 Authority.

Sections 1840.0–3 to 1843.7 are issued under the authority of R.S. 2478, as amended; 43 U.S.C. 1201.

3. Paragraphs (b) and (d) of § 1840.0–5 are repealed, paragraph (c) is renumbered as paragraph (b), and new paragraphs (c) and (d) are added to read as follows:

§ 1840.0–5 Definitions.

* * * * *

(c) "Board" means the Board of Land Appeals in the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Office of the Secretary. The terms "office" or "officer" as used in this part include "Board" where the context requires.

(d) "Examiner" means a hearing examiner in the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Office of the Secretary, appointed under section 3105 of title 5 of the United States Code.

4. The portion of §1840.0–7 preceding paragraph (a) is amended to read as follows:

§ 1840.0–7 Summary dismissal.

An appeal to the Board will be subject to summary dismissal by the Board for any of the following causes:

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§ 1840.0–8 [Amended]

5. Paragraph (a) of § 1840.0–8 is revoked and the designation "(b)" preceding present paragraph (b) is deleted.

6. Paragraph (a) and (b) of § 1840.0–9 are amended to read as follows:

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§ 1840.0–9 General provisions.

(a) *Effect of decision pending appeal.* Normally a decision will not be effective during the time in which a person adversely affected may file a notice of appeal, and the timely filing of a notice of appeal will suspend the effect of the decision appealed from pending the decision on appeal. However, when the public interest requires, the Board may provide that a decision or any part of it shall be in full force and effect immediately.

(b) *Exhaustion of administrative remedies.* No decision which at the time of its rendition is subject to appeal to the Board under the regulations of this part shall be considered final so as to be agency action subject to judicial review under 5 U.S.C., section 704, unless it has been made effective pending a decision on appeal in the manner provided in paragraph (a) of this section.

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7. The heading of Subpart 1842 is amended to read as follows:

Subpart 1842—Appeals to the Board of Land Appeals

8. Section 1842.2 is amended to read as follows:

§ 1842.2 Who may appeal.

Except as otherwise provided in group 2400 of this chapter, any party to a case who is adversely affected by a decision of an officer of the Bureau of Land Management or of an examiner, except a decision which has been approved by the Secretary, shall have a right to appeal to the Board.

9. Section 1842.4 is amended to read as follows:

§ 1842.4 Appeal; how taken, mandatory time limit.

(a) A person who wishes to appeal to the Board must file in the office of the officer who made the decision (not the Board) a notice that he wishes to appeal. The notice of appeal must give the serial number or other identification of the case and must be transmitted in time to be filed in the office where it is required to be filed within 30 days after the person taking the appeal is served with the decision from which he is appealing. The notice of appeal may include a statement of the reasons for the appeal and any arguments the appellant wishes to make. This paragraph does not apply to grazing appeals filed pursuant to § 1853.-7(a) of this chapter.

(b) No extension of time will be granted for filing the notice of appeal. If a notice of appeal is filed after the grace period provided in § 1840.0–6 (a) and (b), the notice of appeal will not be considered and the case will be closed by the officer from whose decision the appeal is taken. If the notice of appeal is filed during the grace period provided in § 1840.0–6 (a) and (b) and the delay in filing is not waived, as provided in that section, the notice of appeal will not be considered and the appeal will be dismissed by the Board.

10. Section 1842.5–1 is amended to read as follows:

§ 1842.5–1 Statement of reasons, written arguments, briefs.

If the notice of appeal did not include a statement of the reasons for the appeal, such a statement must be filed with the Board (address: Board of Land Appeals, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240) within 30 days after the notice of appeal was filed. Failure to file the statement of reasons within the time required will subject the appeal to summary dismissal as provided in § 1840.0–7, unless the delay in filing is waived as provided in § 1840.0–6 (a) and (b). In any case the appellant will be permitted to file with the Board additional statements of reasons and written arguments or briefs within the 30-day period after he filed the notice of appeal.

11. Section 1842.5–2 is amended to read as follows:

§ 1842.5–2 Service of notice of appeal and of other documents.

The appellant must serve a copy of the notice of appeal and of any statement of reasons, written arguments, or briefs on each adverse party named in the decision appealed from, in the manner prescribed in § 1840.0–6(e), not later than 15 days after filing the document. Failure to serve within the time required will subject the appeal to summary dismissal as provided in § 1840.0–7. Proof of such service as required by § 1840.0–6(e) must be filed with the Board (address: Board of Land Appeals, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240) within 15 days after service unless filed with the notice of appeal.

12. Section 1842.5–3 is amended to read as follows:

§ 1842.5–3 Answers.

If any party served with a notice of appeal wishes to participate in the proceedings on appeal, he must file an answer within 30 days after service on him of the notice of appeal or statement of reasons where such statement was not included in the notice of appeal. If additional reasons, written arguments, or briefs are filed by the appellant, the adverse party shall have 30 days after service thereof on him within which to answer them. The answer must state the reasons why the answerer thinks the appeal should not be sustained. Answers must be filed with the Board (address: Board of Land Appeals, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240) and must be served on the appellant, in the manner prescribed in § 1840.0–6(e), not later than 15 days thereafter. Proof of such service as required by § 1840.0–6(e), must be filed with the Board (see address above) within 15 days after service. Failure to answer will not result in a default. If an answer is not filed and served within the time required, it may be disregarded in deciding the appeal, unless the delay in filing is waived as provided in § 1840.0–6 (a) and (b).

13. The heading of Subpart 1843 is amended to read as follows:

Subpart 1843—Actions by Board of Land Appeals

14. Section 1843.5 is amended to read as follows:

§ 1843.5 Request for hearings on appeals involving questions of fact.

Either an appellant or an adverse party may, if he desires a hearing to present evidence on an issue of fact, request that the case be assigned to an examiner for such a hearing. Such a request must be made in writing and filed with the Board within 30 days after answer is due and a copy of the request should be served on the opposing party in the case. The allowance of a request for hearing is within the discretion of the Board, and the Board may, on its own motion, refer any case to an examiner for a hearing on an issue of fact. If a hearing is ordered, the Board will specify the issues upon which the hearing is to be held and the hearing will be held in accordance with Subpart 1851.

15. Section 1843.6 is amended to read as follows:

§ 1843.6 Request for oral argument.

The Board may, in its discretion, grant an opportunity for oral argument before it.

16. Section 1843.7 is amended to read as follows:

§ 1843.7 Decision by Board.

The Board will render a written decision in each case appealed to it. Such decisions will be served on all parties and shall not be subject to any further appeal in the Department.

§ 1843.9 [Revoked]

17. Section 1843.9 is revoked.

§§ 1844.1–1844.9 [Revoked]

18. Subpart 1844 is revoked.

PART 1850—HEARINGS PROCEDURES

19. Paragraph (d) of § 1850.0–5 is amended and a new paragraph (e) is added to the section to read as follows:

§ 1850.0–5 Definitions.

* * * * *

(d) "Board" means the Board of Land Appeals in the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Office of the Secretary. The terms "office" or "officer" as used in this part include "Board" where the context requires.

(e) "Examiner" means a hearing examiner in the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Office of the Secretary, appointed under section 3105 of title 5 of the United States Code.

20. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of § 1850.0–7 are amended to read as follows:

§ 1850.0–7 Subpoena power and witness provisions.

(a) *Compulsory attendance of witnesses.*. The examiner is authorized to issue subpoenas directing the attendance of witnesses at hearings to be held before him or at the taking of depositions to be held before himself or other officers. The issuance of subpoenas, service, attendance fees, and similar matters shall be governed by the act of January 31, 1903 (43 U.S.C. 102–106), and 28 U.S.C. 1821.

(b) *Application for subpoena.* An application for a subpoena may be filed in the office of the examiner before whom the hearing is to be held, in the office of the officer who made the decision appealed from, or in the office of the manager in which a complaint was filed, in which case the officer or manager will forward the application to the examiner.

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21. Subparagraph (2) of paragraph (a) of § 1850.0–8 is amended to read as follows:

§ 1850.0–8 Basis of decision.

(a) * * *

(2) If a hearing has been held on an appeal pursuant to instructions of the Board, this record shall be the sole basis for decision insofar as the referred issues of fact are involved except to the extent that official notice may be taken of a fact as provided in paragraph (b) of this section.

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22. Section 1851.1 is amended to read as follows:

§ 1851.1 Prehearing conferences.

(a) The examiner may, in his discretion, on his own motion or motion of one of the parties or of the Bureau direct the parties or their representatives to appear at a specified time and place for a prehearing conference to consider: (1) The possibility of obtaining stipulations, admissions of facts and agreements to the introduction of documents, (2) the limitation of the number of expert witnesses, and (3) any other matters which may aid in the disposition of the proceedings.

(b) The examiner shall issue an order which recites the action taken at the conference and the agreements made as to any of the matters considered, and which limits the issues for hearing to those not disposed of by admissions or agreements. Such order shall control the subsequent course of the proceeding before the examiner unless modified for good cause, by subsequent order.

23. Section 1851.2 is amended to read as follows:

§ 1851.2 Fixing of place and date for hearing; notice.

The examiner shall fix a place and date for the hearing and notify all parties and the Bureau.

§ 1851.2–1 [Amended]

24. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of § 1851.2–1 are amended by changing "Field Commissioner" to "examiner".

§ 1851.3 [Amended]

25. Section 1851.3 is amended by changing "Field Commissioner" to "examiner" and by changing "Director" to "Board".

§ 1851.4 [Amended]

26. Section 1851.4 is amended by changing "Field Commissioner" to "examiner".

27. Section 1851.5 is amended to read as follows:

§ 1851.5 Evidence.

(a) All oral testimony shall be under oath and witnesses shall be subject to cross-examination. The examiner may question any witnesses. Documentary evidence may be received if pertinent to any issue. The examiner will summarily stop examination and exclude testimony which is obviously irrelevant and immaterial.

(b) Objections to evidence will be ruled upon by the examiner. Such rulings will be considered, but need not be separately ruled upon, by the Board in connection with its decision. Where a ruling of an examiner sustains an objection to the admission of evidence, the party affected may insert in the record, as a tender of proof, a summary written statement of the substance of the excluded evidence and the objecting party may then make an offer of proof in rebuttal.

28. Section 1851.8 is amended to read as follows:

§ 1851.8 Summary of evidence.

The parties and the Bureau may, with the consent of the examiner, agree that a summary of the evidence approved by the examiner may be filed in the case in lieu of a transcript. In such case the examiner will prepare the summary or have it prepared and upon agreement of the parties make it a part of the case record.

29. Section 1851.9 is amended to read as follows:

§ 1851.9 Action by Examiner.

Upon completion of the hearing and the incorporation of the summary or transcript in the record, the examiner will send the record and proposed findings of fact on the issues presented at the hearing to the Board. The proposed findings of fact will not be served upon the parties; however, the parties and the Bureau may, within 15 days after the completion of the transcript or the summary of the evidence, file with the Board such briefs or statements as they may wish respecting the facts developed at the hearing.

§ 1852.1–4 [Amended]

30. Paragraph (b) of § 1852.1–4 is amended by inserting ", Board" after "Director."

31. Paragraph (b) of § 1852.3–6 is amended to read as follows:

§ 1852.3–6 Evidence.

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(b) Objections to evidence will be ruled upon by the examiner. Such rulings will be considered, but need not be separately ruled upon, by the Board in connection with its decision. Where a ruling of an examiner sustains an objection to the admission of evidence, the party affected may insert in the record, as a tender of proof, a summary written statement of the substance of the excluded evidence, and the objecting party may then make an offer of proof in rebuttal.

§ 1852.3–8 [Amended]

32. The heading of § 1852.3–8 and paragraph (c) are amended by changing "Director" to "Board".

33. Section 1852.3–9 is amended to read as follows:

§ 1852.3–9 Appeal to Board.

Any party, including the Government, adversely affected by the decision of the examiner may appeal to the Board as provided in Part 1840 of this chapter. No further hearing will be allowed in connection with the appeal to the Board but the Board, after considering the evidence, may remand any case for further hearing if it considers such action necessary to develop the facts.

(R.S. 2478, as amended; 43 U.S.C. 1201)

PART 4120—GRAZING ADMINISTRATION (OUTSIDE GRAZING DISTRICTS AND EXCLUSIVE OF ALASKA); GENERAL

34. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of § 4121.–3–3 are amended to read as follows:

§ 4121.3–3 Decreases.

* * * * *

(c) The Authorized Officer will notify each affected lessee by certified mail of his decision to make an adjustment in authorized use to reach the proper stocking rate of any leased area. The notice will state the manner in which the adjustment is to be made and will inform the lessee of his right of appeal in accordance with Part 1840 of this chapter. If no appeal is filed within the time allowed, the adjustment will be made in accordance with the decision and no further appeal will be allowed. If a timely appeal is filed, the adjustment under consideration will be deferred pending a final decision on such appeal. Any adjustment provided by the final decision will be applied to its full extent for the grazing season immediately following the effective date of the decision.

(d) Public lands under a grazing lease issued pursuant to this part are subject to classification, withdrawal, or other disposal under the Taylor Grazing Act, the O&C Act, or other applicable public

land laws. Reasonable notice of a pending or proposed classification, withdrawal or disposal which might result in a diminution of the area of the leased land will be given to the lessee.

35. Paragraphs (e) and (h) of § 4125.1–1 are amended to read as follows:

§ 4125.1–1 Leasing procedures; requirements and conditions.

* * * * *

(e) *Protests and appeals*—(1) *Protests.* A protest against the approval of an application for a lease should be filed in the same office where the application for a grazing lease was filed; it should describe the lands involved, contain a complete disclosure of all facts upon which the protest is based, and be accompanied by evidence of service on the applicant of a copy of the protest. The Authorized Officer will consider the protest, and will serve a copy of his decision on the affected parties in person or by certified mail, and will advise the protestant and other parties of their right to appeal.

(2) *Appeal by applicant.* The lease will be executed by the Authorized Officer and transmitted to the lessee only after final action is taken on any protest or appeal which may have been filed. The applicant's signature to the lease shall constitute his acceptance of the lease as executed by the Authorized Officer. Nonacceptance of the lease does not prejudice the applicant's right to appeal.

* * * * *

(h) *Cancellation or reduction of leases; show cause.* Leases are subject to cancellation or reduction for the lessee's failure to comply with the terms of the lease or the provisions of this part of the regulations, or in any case that a lease confers use in excess of that properly allowable. In any such case the Authorized Officer will notify the lessee that the lease is being held for cancellation or reduction in whole or in part, and will allow the lessee fifteen (15) days from receipt of the notice within which to show cause why such action should not be taken. The notice will fully set forth the reasons for the proposed action, specifically referring to the pertinent provisions of the regulations, and will be served on the lessee personally or by certified mail. The Authorized Officer will consider any cause shown and, if not satisfied as to its sufficiency, or if no cause is shown, he will notify the lessee personally or by certified mail that the lease has been cancelled or reduced as the case may be. Such decision is subject to appeal.

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§ 4125.1–3 [Revoked]

36. Section 4125.1–3 is revoked.

37. Subparagraph (3) of paragraph (a) of § 4125.1–4 is amended to read as follows:

§ 4125.1–4 Range improvements and contributions.

(a) * * *

(3) *Appeals.* The Authorized Officer will act on the application and such action shall be final unless the applicant appeals.

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(Sec. 2, 48 Stat. 1270, 43 U.S.C. 315a; R.S. 2478, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 1201)

PART 4130—GRAZING ADMINISTRATION (ALASKA)

§ 4131.5–2 [Amended]

38. Section 4131.5–2 is amended by deleting "; appeals" from the section heading and "(a)" from the beginning of the first paragraph, and by revoking paragraph (b).

§ 4132.3 [Amended]

39. Section 4132.3 is amended by deleting "and appeals" from the section heading and "(a)" from the beginning of the first paragraph, and by revoking paragraph (b).

(Sec. 15, 44 Stat. 1455, as amended; R.S. 2478, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 1201)

PART 5490—ACTS SPECIFIC TO ALASKA

40. Section 5490.1–6 is revoked.

PART 5510—FREE USE OF TIMBER

41. Section 5511.2–6 is revoked.

(Sec. 11, 30 Stat. 414, sec. 1, 61 Stat. 681, as amended, 69 Stat. 367, R.S. 2478, as amended; 30 U.S.C. 601, 43 U.S.C. 1201)

Effective date; supervisory authority of Secretary. (a) These amendments shall become effective as to all appeals taken from decisions of officers of the Bureau of Land Management and from decisions of hearing examiners which are issued on or after July 1, 1970.

(b) Effective July 1, 1970, in the exercise of the supervisory authority of the Secretary, appeals taken to the Director of the Bureau of Land Management in the following categories of cases shall be transferred to and finally decided by the Board of Land Appeals in the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Office of the Secretary, without a further right of appeal in the Department:

(1) Appeals to the Director taken from decisions arising from the administration of grazing districts whether such decisions are issued on, prior to, or after July 1, 1970 (see §§ 1853.7, 1853.8, 4110.0–5(r), 4111.4–3(f), 4115.2–3, 4115.2–5(a)(7)(ii)(b), 9239.3–2(h)).

(2) Appeals to the Director taken in other cases from decisions issued prior to July 1, 1970, which appeals are pending before the Director on July 1, 1970, or are received thereafter.

WALTER J. HICKEL,
Secretary of the Interior.

JUNE 12, 1970.

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[Circular No. 2274]

PART 23—SURFACE EXPLORATION, MINING AND RECLAMATION OF LANDS

Modification of Requirement for Performance Bond

A new paragraph (d) is added to § 23.9:

§ 23.9 Performance bond.

* * * * *

(d) Performance bonds will not be required of Federal, State, or other governmental agencies. Where the exploration or mining is actually performed for such Federal, State, or governmental agencies by a contractor who would have to post a bond under the terms of paragraph (a) of this section if he were the operator, such agencies shall require the contractor to furnish a bond payable to the United States which meets the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section. If, for some other purpose, the contractor furnishes a performance bond, an amendment to that bond which meets the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section will be acceptable in lieu of an additional or separate bond.

FRED J. RUSSELL,
Acting Secretary of the Interior.

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Paul J. Rossmann,
Acting Secretary of the Interior.

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SUBCHAPTER C—MINERALS MANAGEMENT (3000)

[Circular No. 2275]

PART 3810—LANDS AND MINERALS SUBJECT TO LOCATION

Subpart 3811—Lands Subject to Location and Purchase

DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL MONUMENT, CALIFORNIA

Section 3811.2–2(a) is amended to read as follows:

§ 3811.2–2 Lands subject to location and purchase.

* * * * *

(a) The mining laws were extended to the Death Valley National Monument, Calif., by the Act of June 13, 1933 (48 Stat. 139; 16 U.S.C. 447). The Act provides that surface use of locations, entries, or patents is subject to general regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior. The regulations governing surface use in Death Valley National Monument are in 36 CFR 7.26.

WALTER J. HICKEL,
Secretary of the Interior.

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SUBCHAPTER A—GENERAL MANAGEMENT (1000)

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PART 1840—APPEALS PROCEDURES

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Subpart 1840—Appeals Procedures: General

§ 1840.0–3 Authority.

Sections 1840.0–3 to 1843.7 are issued under the authority of R.S. 2478, as amended; 43 U.S.C. 1201.

§ 1840.0–5 Definitions.

As used in this part:

(a) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representatives.

(b) "Bureau" means Bureau of Land Management.

(c) "Board" means the Board of Land Appeals in the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Office of the Secretary. The terms "office" or "officer" as used in this part include "Board" where the context requires.

(d) "Examiner" means a hearing examiner in the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Office of the Secretary, appointed under section 3105 of title 5 of the United States Code.

§ 1840.0–6 Documents.

(a) *Filing of documents.* A document is filed in the office where the filing is required only when the document is received in that office during the office hours when filing is permitted and the document is received by a person authorized to receive it.

(b) *Grace period for filing.* Whenever a document is required under this part to be filed within a certain time and it is not received in the proper office, as provided in paragraph (a) of this section, during that time, the delay in filing will be waived if the document is filed not later than 10 days after it was required to be filed and it is determined that the document was transmitted or probably transmitted to the office in which the filing is required before the end of the period in which it was required to be filed. Determinations under this paragraph shall be made by the officer before whom is pending the appeal in connection with which the document is required to be filed. This paragraph has no application to Subpart 1853 except § 1853.7 (c).

(c) *Record address.* Every person who files a document in connection with an appeal or protest shall at the time of his initial filing in the matter state his address. Thereafter he must promptly inform the office in which the filing was made of any change in address, giving the serial or other appropriate numbers of all matters in which he has made such a filing. The successors of such person shall likewise promptly inform such office of their interest in the matters and state their addresses. If a person fails to furnish a record address as required in this section, he will not be entitled to notice in connection with the proceedings on the matter.

(d) *Transferees and encumbrancers* Transferees and encumbrancers of land the title to which is claimed or is in the process of acquisition under any public land law shall, upon filing notice of the transfer or encumbrance in the proper land office, become entitled to receive and be given the same notice of any appeal, or other proceeding thereafter initiated

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affecting such interest which is required to be given to a party to the proceeding. Every such notice of a transfer or encumbrance will be noted upon the records of the land office. Thereafter such transferee or encumbrancer must be made a party to any proceedings thereafter initiated adverse to the entry.

(e) *Service of documents.* (1) Wherever the regulations in this part require that a copy of a document be served upon a person, service may be made by delivering the copy personally to him or by sending the document by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, to his address of record in the Bureau.

(2) In any case service may be proved by an acknowledgment of service signed by the person to be served. Personal service may be proved by a written statement of the person who made such service. Service by registered or certified mail may be proved by a post-office return receipt showing that the document was delivered at the person's record address or showing that the document could not be delivered to such person at his record address because he had moved therefrom without leaving a forwarding address or because delivery was refused at that address or because no such address exists. Proof of service of a copy of a document should be filed in the same office in which the document is filed except that proof of service of a notice of appeal should be filed in the office of the officer to whom the appeal is made, if the proof of service is filed later than the notice of appeal.

(3) A document will be considered to have been served at the time of personal service, of delivery of a registered or certified letter, or of the return by the post office of an undelivered registered or certified letter.

(4) In all cases where a party is represented by an attorney, such attorney will be recognized as fully controlling the same on behalf of his client; and service of any document relating to the proceeding upon such attorney will be deemed to be service on the party he represents. Where a party is represented by more than one attorney, service upon one of the attorneys shall be sufficient.

(f) *Computation of time for filing and service.* In computing any period of time prescribed for filing and serving a document, the day upon which the decision or document to be appealed from or answered was received or the day of any other event after which the designated period of time begins to run is not to be included. The last day of the period so computed is to be included unless it is a Saturday, Sunday, Federal legal holiday, or other non-business day, in which event the period runs until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, Federal legal holiday, or other non-business day. When the time prescribed or allowed is less than 7 days, intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, Federal legal holidays, and other non-business days shall be excluded in the computation.

(g) *Extensions of time.* (1) With the exception of the time fixed for filing a notice of appeal, the time for filing or serving any document in connection with an appeal may be extended by the officer to whom the appeal is taken.

(2) A request for an extension of time must be filed within the time allowed for the filing or serving of the document and must be filed in the same office in which the document in connection with which the extension is requested must be filed.

§ 1840.0–7 Summary dismissal.

An appeal to the Board will be subject to summary dismissal by the Board for any of the following causes:

(a) If a statement of the reasons for the appeal is not included in the notice of appeal and is not filed within the time required;

(b) If the notice of appeal is not served upon adverse parties within the time required; and

(c) If the statement of reasons, if not contained in the notice of appeal, is not served upon adverse parties within the time required.

§ 1840.0–8 Basis of decision.

No decision on appeal shall be based upon any record, statement, file or similar document which is not open to inspection by the parties to the appeal.

§ 1840.0–9 General provisions.

(a) *Effect of decision pending appeal.* Normally a decision will not be effective during the time in which a person adversely affected may file a notice of appeal, and the timely filing of a notice of appeal will suspend the effect of the decision appealed from pending the decision on appeal. However, when the public interest requires, the Board may provide that a decision or any part of it shall be in full force and effect immediately.

(b) *Exhaustion of administrative remedies.* No decision which at the time of its rendition is subject to appeal to the Board under the regulations of this part shall be considered final so as to be agency action subject to judicial review under 5 U.S.C., section 704, unless it has been made effective pending a decision on appeal in the manner provided in paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) *Inquiries.* No person other than officers or employees of the Department of the Interior shall direct any inquiry to any employee of the Bureau with respect to any matter pending before it other than to the head of the unit in which the matter is pending, to a superior officer, or to an employee of the unit authorized by the unit head to answer inquiries.

(d) *Power of Secretary.* Nothing in this part shall be construed to deprive the Secretary of any power conferred upon him by law.

Subpart 1842—Appeals to the Board of Land Appeals

§ 1842.2 Who may appeal.

Except as otherwise provided in group 2400 of this chapter, any party to a case who is adversely affected by a decision of an officer of the Bureau of Land Management or of an examiner, except a decision which has been approved by the Secretary, shall have a right to appeal to the Board.

§ 1842.4 Appeal; how taken, mandatory time limit.

(a) A person who wishes to appeal to the Board must file in the office of the officer who made the decision (not the Board) a notice that he wishes to appeal. The notice of appeal must give the serial number or other identification of the case and must be transmitted in time to be filed in the office where it is required to be filed within 30 days after the person taking the appeal is served with the decision from which he is appealing. The notice of appeal may include a statement of the reasons for the appeal and any arguments the appellant wishes to make. This paragraph does not apply to grazing appeals filed pursuant to § 1853.-7(a) of this chapter.

(b) No extension of time will be granted for filing the notice of appeal. If a notice of appeal is filed after the grace period provided in § 1840.0–6 (a) and (b), the notice of appeal will not be considered and the case will be closed by the officer from whose decision the appeal is taken. If the notice of appeal is filed during the grace period provided in § 1840.0–6 (a) and (b) and the delay in filing is not waived, as provided in that section, the notice of appeal will not be considered and the appeal will be dismissed by the Board.

§ 1842.5 Examination of case record.

§ 1842.5–1 Statement of reasons, written arguments, briefs.

If the notice of appeal did not include a statement of the reasons for the appeal, such a statement must be filed with the Board (address: Board of Land Appeals, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240) within 30 days after the notice of appeal was filed. Failure to file the statement of reasons within the time required will subject the appeal to summary dismissal as provided in § 1840.0–7, unless the delay in filing is waived as provided in § 1840.0–6 (a) and (b). In any case the appellant will be permitted to file with the Board additional statements of reasons and written arguments or briefs within the 30-day period after he filed the notice of appeal.

§ 1842.5–2 Service of notice of appeal and of other documents.

The appellant must serve a copy of the notice of appeal and of any statement of reasons, written arguments, or briefs on each adverse party named in the decision appealed from, in the manner prescribed in § 1840.0–6(e), not later than 15 days after filing the document. Failure to serve within the time required will subject the appeal to summary dismissal as provided in § 1840.0–7. Proof of such service as required by § 1840.0–6(e) must be filed with the Board (address: Board of Land Appeals, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240) within 15 days after service unless filed with the notice of appeal.

§ 1842.5–3 Answers.

If any party served with a notice of appeal wishes to participate in the proceedings on appeal, he must file an answer within 30 days after service on him of the notice of appeal or statement of reasons where such statement was not included in the notice of appeal. If additional reasons, written arguments, or briefs are filed by the appellant, the adverse party shall have 30 days after service thereof on him within which to answer them. The answer must state the reasons why the answerer thinks the appeal should not be sustained. Answers must be filed with the Board (address: Board of Land Appeals, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240) and must be served on the appellant, in the manner prescribed in § 1840.0–6(e), not later than 15 days thereafter. Proof of such service as required by § 1840.0–6(e), must be filed with the Board (see address above) within 15 days after service. Failure to answer will not result in a default. If an answer is not filed and served within the time required, it may be disregarded in deciding the appeal, unless the delay in filing is waived as provided in § 1840.0–6 (a) and (b).

Subpart 1843—Actions by Board of Land Appeals

§ 1843.5 Request for hearings on appeals involving questions of fact.

Either an appellant or an adverse party may, if he desires a hearing to present evidence on an issue of fact, request that the case be assigned to an examiner for such a hearing. Such a request must be made in writing and filed with the Board within 30 days after answer is due and a copy of the request should be served on the opposing party in the case. The allowance of a request for hearing is within the discretion of the Board, and the Board may, on its own motion, refer any case to an examiner for a hearing on an issue of fact. If a hearing is ordered, the Board will specify the issues upon which the hearing is to be held and the hearing will be held in accordance with Subpart 1851.

§ 1843.6 Request for oral argument.

The Board may, in its discretion, grant an opportunity for oral argument before it.

§ 1843.7 Decision by Board.

The Board will render a written decision in each case appealed to it. Such decisions will be served on all parties and shall not be subject to any further appeal in the Department.

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Title 43—PUBLIC LANDS: INTERIOR

Chapter II—Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior

SUBCHAPTER E—FOREST MANAGEMENT (5000)

[Circular 2277]

PART 5430—ADVERTISEMENT

Newspaper Advertisement of Timber Sale

Section 5430.1 is amended to read as follows:

§ 5430.1 Requirements.

The advertisement of sale shall state the location by county, section, township, range, meridian, of the tract or tracts on which timber or other vegetative resources are being offered, the estimated total quantity, the unit of measure, the total appraised value, the minimum deposit, time and place for receiving bids, the office where additional information may be obtained, and such additional information as the authorized officer may deem necessary.

WALTER J. HICKEL,
Secretary of the Interior.

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SUBCHAPTER E—SALES, EXCHANGES, LEASES

[Circular 2277]

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WALTER J. HICKEL,
Secretary of the Interior.

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SUBCHAPTER A—GENERAL MANAGEMENT (1000)

[Circular No. 2278]

PART 1810—INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL GUIDANCE

Subpart 1815—Disaster Relief

TIMBER SALE CONTRACTS, PUBLIC LANDS

Subpart 1815 is amended as follows:

1. A new § 1815.0–3 is added:

§ 1815.0–3 Authority.

Disaster Relief Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1855aa–1855ii) as supplemented by the Disaster Relief Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 1855ccc).

2. A new § 1815.2 is added:

§ 1815.2 Timber sale contracts—Disaster Relief Act of 1969.

§ 1815.2–1 Relief granted.

(a) Where an existing timber sale contract does not provide relief to the timber purchaser from major physical change which is not due to negligence of the purchaser prior to approval of construction of any section of specified road or other specified development facility and, as a result of a major disaster a major physical change results in additional construction work, the United States will bear a share of the increased construction costs. The United States' share will be determined by the authorized officer as follows:

(1) For sales of less than 1 million board feet, costs over $1,000;

(2) For sales of from 1 to 3 million board feet, costs over the sum of $1 per thousand board feet;

(3) For sales of over 3 million board feet, costs over $3,000.

(b) Where the authorized officer determines that the damages caused by such major physical change are so great that restoration, reconstruction, or construction is not practical under this cost-sharing arrangement, he may cancel the timber sale contract notwithstanding the provisions therein.

§ 1815.2–2 Disasters to which Act applies.

Relief granted under the Act applies to major disasters, as determined by the President pursuant to the Act of September 30, 1950, which occurred after June 30, 1967, and on or before December 31, 1970.

§ 1815.2–3 Applications.

Applications for relief granted by section 3 of the Disaster Relief Act of 1969 must be filed in accordance with § 1815.1–2.

WALTER J. HICKEL,
Secretary of the Interior.

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Title 43—PUBLIC LANDS: INTERIOR

Chapter II—Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior

SUBCHAPTER A—GENERAL MANAGEMENT (1000)

[Circular No. 2279]

PART 1850—HEARINGS PROCEDURES

Subpart 1852—Contest and Protest Proceedings

MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS

1. In paragraph (a)(1) of § 1852.1–4, delete the words "including the age of each heir of any deceased entryman," so § 1852.1–4(a)(1) will read as follows:

§ 1852.1–4 Complaints.

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(a) * * *

(1) The name and address of each party interested.

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2. In paragraph (a) of § 1852.1–5, add the words "as to such answering contestee" to the last sentence so that sentence will read as follows:

§ 1852.1–5 Service.

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(a) *Summary dismissal; waiver of defect in service.* If a complaint when filed does not meet all the requirements of § 1852.1–4 (a) and (c), or if the complaint is not served upon each contestee as required by this section, the complaint will be summarily dismissed by the manager and no answer need be filed. However, where prior to the summary dismissal of a complaint a contestee answers without questioning the service or proof of service of the complaint, any defect in service will be deemed waived as to such answering contestee.

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3. In § 1852.2–2, renumber the present paragraphs (b) through (i) to read (c) through (j) respectively, and add a new paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 1852.2–2 Proceedings in Government contests.

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(b) A Government contest complaint will not be insufficient and subject to dismissal for failure to name all parties interested, or for failure to serve every party who has been named.

WALTER J. HICKEL,
Secretary of the Interior.

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Chapter II—Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior

SUBCHAPTER B—LAND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (2000)

[Circular No. 2280]

PART 2920—SPECIAL LAND USE PERMITS

Subpart 2921—Advertising Displays

LIMITATIONS ON CONSTRUCTION AND PROCEDURES FOR REMOVAL

Subpart 2921 of Chapter II of Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

1. A new § 2921.0–6 is added to read as follows:

§ 2921.0–6 Policy.

(a) No permits will be issued for lands within rights-of-way within 660 feet of the edge of the rights-of-way of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways (Interstate System) and the primary system (title 23, United States Code), or for displays which would be visible from such highways.

(b) Permits for advertising displays on other areas will be issued only for displays advertising activities on or within 50 feet of the property where the display is located.

(c) Natural beauty: Notwithstanding any other provision of this subpart, no permit will be issued for the erection and maintenance of any advertising display which would be inconsistent with national programs for the preservation of natural beauty.

2. Section 2921.2 is amended to read as follows:

§ 2921.2 Identification of displays.

Each advertising display erected or maintained under a permit issued pursuant to the regulations of this subpart, must, for convenient identification, have the serial number of such permit marked or painted thereon.

3. New §§ 2921.3 and 2921.4 are added to read as follows:

§ 2921.3 Removal of advertising displays.

(a) *Terminated permits.* Within 30 days after the revocation or expiration of any permit for an advertising display, the permittee shall completely remove the display from the property. If the permittee fails to so remove the display, the authorized officer will remove it at the expense of permittee and may dispose of it in any manner deemed appropriate without any obligation whatever to the permittee.

(b) *Unauthorized displays.* The authorized officer will remove any advertising display placed on public lands without a permit. In the event that the identity of the person who erected the display is indicated on the display, the authorized officer will give the person 30 days to completely remove the display. If the display is not removed within that time, the authorized officer will remove and dispose of it in any manner deemed appropriate.

§ 2921.4 Renewal of permits.

No permit for any advertising display shall be renewed unless the display meets the requirements of the regulations in this part.

WALTER J. HICKEL,
Secretary of the Interior.

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Chapter II—Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior

SUBCHAPTER A—GENERAL MANAGEMENT (1000)

[Circular No. 2281]

PART 1720—PROGRAMS AND OBJECTIVES

Subpart 1725—Program Policy

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

Section 1725.3–2 is amended to read as follows:

§ 1725.3–2 Intensity of use and management of lands retained for multiple use management.

Consistent with the provisions of applicable law, the land will be managed:

(a) To attain the widest range of beneficial uses of the environment (including the land, water, flora, fauna, and other environmental elements), without undue environmental degradation, risk to health or safety, or other undesirable consequences.

(b) To attain optimum production of its various products and for those other beneficial uses for which the lands are physically and economically suited, consistent with acceptable environmental quality.

(c) To preserve important historic, cultural, and natural aspects of our national heritage.

The following matters will be considered:

(1) Existing or future economic and social needs for the resource, use, value, or commodity.

(2) The effect of any proposed use on all other resource values.

(3) Coordination and cooperation with the resource use and management programs of States, local governments, public organizations and private landowners.

(4) Consistency with national programs.

(5) Compatibility of the possible uses.

(6) Compatibility with the maintenance and enhancement of long-term productivity of the lands and the integrity of the environment.

ROGERS C. B. MORTON,
Secretary of the Interior.

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Chapter II—Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior

SUBCHAPTER B—LAND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (2000)

[Circular No. 2282]

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PART 2850—POWER TRANSMISSION LINES

Environmental Considerations

Section 2851.2–1(c) is amended by adding a subparagraph (6) to read as follows:

§ 2851.2–1 Applications.

* * * * *

(c) * * *

(6) (i) A detailed description of the environmental impact of the project shall be included with the application. It shall provide, among other things, information about the impact of the project on airspace, air and water quality, scenic and esthetic features, historical and archeological features, and wildlife, fish, and marine life.

(ii) The proposed site, design, and construction of the project shall be consistent with the "Environmental Criteria for Electric Transmission Lines," prescribed jointly by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, as well as such other environmental critera and guidelines as the Department shall from time to time prescribe. "Environmental Criteria for Electric Transmission Systems" is available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20420.

(iii) If all other requirements are met, the application may be approved if it is determined that the beneficial purposes and effects of the project wil not be outweighed by an adverse environmental impact. If the authorized officer determines that the application cannot be approved as proposed, he will, whenever possible, suggest alternative routes or methods of construction, or other modifications which if adopted by the applicant would make the application acceptable.

ROGERS C. B. MORTON,
Secretary of the Interior.

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SUBCHAPTER C—MINERALS MANAGEMENT (3000)

[Circular No. 2283]

PART 3500—LEASING OF MINERALS, OTHER THAN OIL AND GAS, GENERAL

Subpart 3503—Fees, Rentals, and Royalties

RENTALS, COAL AND PHOSPHATE LEASES

1. Section 3503.3–1(b) of Subpart 3503, Chapter II, Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

§ 3503.3–1 General statement on rentals.

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(b) *Leases*—(1) *Coal.* Annual rental per acre or fraction thereof for coal leases shall be not less than 25 cents for the first year, not less than 50 cents for the second, third, fourth, and fifth years, and not less than $1 for each and every year thereafter during the continuance of the lease. The rental paid for any year shall be credited against the royalties for that year.

(2) *Phosphate.* Annual rental for phosphate leases shall be not less than 25 cents per acre or fraction thereof for the first year, not less than 50 cents for the second and third years, and not less than $1 for each and every year thereafter during the continuance of the lease. The rental paid for any year shall be credited against the royalties for that year.

(3) *Potassium and sodium.* Rental for potassium and sodium leases is 25 cents per acre or fraction thereof for the first calendar year or fraction thereof. Rental for succeeding years is payable on or before January 1, the beginning of the calendar year. Annual rental per acre or fraction thereof is 50 cents for the second, third, fourth, and fifth years, and $1 for the sixth and each succeeding year during the continuance of the lease. The rental for any year will be credited against the first royalties as they accrue under the lease during the year for which rental was paid.

(4) *Sulphur.* Sulphur leases shall provide for payment, in advance, of an annual rental of 50 cents for each acre or part thereof covered by the lease, beginning with the date of the lease, such rental for any year to be credited against the first royalties as they accrue under the lease during the year for which the rental was paid.

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2. In § 3503.3–1(b) subparagraph (1) (iv) and (v) are redesignated as subparagraphs (5) and (6), respectively.

HOLLIS M. DOLE,
Acting Secretary of the Interior.

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SUBCHAPTER A—GENERAL MANAGEMENT (1000)

PART 1840—APPEALS PROCEDURES

PART 1850—HEARINGS PROCEDURES

SUBCHAPTER D—RANGE MANAGEMENT (4000)

PART 4120—GRAZING ADMINISTRATION (OUTSIDE GRAZING DISTRICTS AND EXCLUSIVE OF ALASKA); GENERAL

PART 4130—GRAZING ADMINISTRATION (ALASKA)

PART 5490—ACTS SPECIFIC TO ALASKA

PART 5510—FREE USE OF TIMBER

Hearings and Appeals Procedures

1. The table of contents and the regulations contained in 43 CFR Part 1840 are deleted and the following cross reference is provided to Subpart E of the revised Part 4 of Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, which contains regulations applicable to appeals procedures in public land matters:

§ 1840.1 Cross reference.

For special procedural rules applicable to appeals from decisions of Bureau of Land Management officers, within the jurisdiction of the Board of Land Appeals, Office of Hearings and Appeals, see Subpart E of Part 4 of Subtitle A—Office of the Secretary of the Interior, of this Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Subpart A of Part 4 and all of the general rules in Subpart B of Part 4 not inconsistent with the special rules in Subpart E of Part 4 are also applicable to such appeals procedures.

2. The table of contents and the regulations contained in 43 CFR Subparts 1850, 1851, and 1852 are deleted and the following cross reference is provided to Subpart E of the revised Part 4 of Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, which contains regulations applicable to hearings procedures in public lands matters:

§ 1850.1 Cross reference.

For special procedural rules applicable to hearings in public lands cases, including both Government and private contest proceedings, within the jurisdiction of the Board of Land Appeals, Office of Hearings and Appeals, see Subpart E of Part 4 of Subtitle A—Office of the Secretary of the Interior, of this Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Subpart A of Part 4 and all of the general rules in Subpart B of Part 4 not inconsistent with the special rules in Subpart E of Part 4 are also applicable to such hearings, contest, and protest procedures.

3. In § 1853.3, the reference in the last sentence of paragraph (a) to § 1850.0–7 is changed to read § 4.423 in Subpart E of Part 4, this title, and § 4.26 of the general rules of the Office of Hearings and Appeals in Subpart B in Part 4 of this title. As amended, the last sentence of paragraph (a) reads as follows:

§ 1853.3 Authority of examiner.

(a) * * * Subpoenas, depositions, the attendance of witnesses, and witness and deposition fees shall be governed by § 4.423 in Subpart E of Part 4 of this title, and § 4.26 of the general rules of the Office of Hearings and Appeals in Subpart B in Part 4 of this title, to the extent such regulations are applicable.

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4. In the second sentence of paragraph (b) of § 1853.3, the reference to "§ 1852.3–3" is changed to read "§ 4.452–3 in Subpart E of Part 4 of this title".

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§ 1853.4 [Amended]

5. In § 1853.4, the reference to "§ 1850.-0-6(e)" is changed to read "§ 4.422(c) in Subpart E of Part 4 of this title."

§ 4121.3–3 [Amended]

6. In § 4121.3–3, the reference in the second sentence of paragraph (c) to "Part 1840 of this chapter" is changed to read "Part 4 of this title."

§ 4125.1–3 [Deleted]

7. Part 4120 is amended by deleting § 4125.1–3.

8. Part 4130 is amended by changing the headings to §§ 4131.5–2 and 4132.3 to read as follows:

§ 4131.5–2 Hearings.

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§ 4132.3 Protests.

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§ 5490.1–6 [Deleted]

9. Part 5490 is amended by deleting § 5490.1–6.

§ 5511.2–6 [Deleted]

10. Part 5510 is amended by deleting § 5511.2–6.

Dated: April 7, 1971.

ROGERS C. B. MORTON,
Secretary of the Interior.

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REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO:

LAND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

SPECIAL LAWS AND RULES

43 CFR 2096

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Subpart 2096—Veterans

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§ 2096.0–3 Authority.

(a) *Act of September 27, 1944.* The act of September 27, 1944 (58 Stat. 747; 43 U.S.C. 279–284), as amended, referred to in this part as the "1944 Act", grants to veterans of World War II and of the Korean Conflict certain benefits in connection with the public lands. These rights are in addition to the benefits conferred on persons in the military service by the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 (54 Stat. 1178; 50 U.S.C., App. 560–572), as amended, and the regulations thereunder in this part, relating to rights initiated or acquired under the public land laws prior to the entrance of the claimant into the military or naval service.

(b) *Other war statutes.* Other statutes have granted benefits under the homestead laws (43 U.S.C. 164, 169, 218) 233) to veterans who served in earlier wars.

(c) *Boulder Canyon Project Act.* Under the terms of section 9 of the Boulder Canyon Project Act of December 21, 1928 (45 Stat. 1063), as amended by the act of March 6, 1946 (60 Stat. 36, 43 U.S.C. 617h), all persons who served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard during World War II, World War I, the war with Spain, or in the suppression of the insurrection in the Philippines, and who have been honorably separated or discharged therefrom or placed in the regular Army or Naval Reserve, will have a preference right for a period of three months to enter lands reclaimed by irrigation and reclamation under that act, subject to such qualifications as to industry, experience, character, and capital, as are deemed necessary to give reasonable assurance of success by the prospective settler. Such exclusive preference right is also given by the act cited to veteran settlers on lands watered from the Gila Canal in Arizona and on lands watered from the All-American Canal in California.

(d) *Act of October 17, 1940.* (1) The act of October 17, 1940 (54 Stat. 1178), known as the "Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940," extends relief and benefits to persons in the military service, including those set forth in Subpart 2033.

(2) By section 14 of the act of June 24, 1948 (62 Stat. 623), as amended (50 U.S.C. App. Sup. 464) all of the provisions of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 were continued in effect until "repealed or otherwise terminated by subsequent act of the Congress."

(3) Citizens of the United States who serve with the forces of any nation with which the United States may be allied in the prosecution of any war in which it engages while the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 is in force, will be entitled to the relief and benefits afforded thereby if such service is similar to military service as defined in such act and in § 2096.0–5 and if they are honorably discharged and resume United States citizenship, or die in the service of the allied forces, or as a result of such service (Sec. 512, 54 Stat. 1190).

§ 2096.0–5 Definitions.

The following definitions, contained in section 101 of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, are adopted as definitions for the purpose of § 2096.2.

(a) The term "persons in the military service" includes the following persons and no others: All members of the Army of the United States, the United States Navy, the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard, and all officers of the Public Health Service detailed by proper authority for duty either with the Army or the Navy.

(b) The term "period of military service" and equivalent terms, includes the time between the following dates: For persons in the active service on October 17, 1940, it shall begin with that date; for persons entering the active service after the date mentioned, it shall begin with the date of entering the active service. It shall terminate with the date of discharge from active service or death while in the service, but in no case later than the date when the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 ceases to be in force.

§ 2096.1 Act of September 27, 1944; benefits to veterans.

§ 2096.1–1 Persons entitled to veterans' benefits.

(a) A veteran is entitled to benefits under the 1944 act if he has served in the military or naval forces of the United States including the Coast Guard, on or after September 16, 1940, and prior to the termination of the Korean Conflict, referred to in this part as the "statutory period" of the 1944 act, and has been honorably discharged from such forces. The veteran is considered to have been honorably discharged for the purposes of the 1944 act if separated from the service by means of an honorable discharge, by the acceptance of resignation, or by a discharge under honorable conditions. A release from active duty is acceptable instead of a discharge if the release from active duty to an inactive

status was under honorable conditions, whether or not in a reserve component or retirement, and whether or not the veteran thereafter resumes active military duty. In addition, the veteran must have:

(1) Served at least 90 days during the statutory period, or

(2) Been discharged on account of wounds received or disability incurred during the statutory period in line of duty, or

(3) After regular discharge, been furnished hospitalization or awarded compensation by the Government on account of wounds received or disability incurred during the statutory period.

A veteran, under 21 years of age, who is otherwise entitled to benefits under the 1944 act, may not be disqualified from making homestead entry or from any other benefits of the 1944 act merely because of age.

(b) A "veteran of other wars" is entitled to benefits if he was honorably discharged and served with the United States Army or Navy or with a unit of the Federalized National Guard between May 9, 1916, and March 3, 1921; or with the Allied armies between July 28, 1914, and March 3, 1921, and thereafter resumed his United States citizenship; and if the veteran served for at least 90 days during any one of those periods, or was wounded or disabled in line of duty while in such service, or was awarded compensation by the United States for wounds or disability resulting from such service; or

(c) The following persons may exercise the rights of a veteran under the regulations of this part, subject to compliance with other applicable regulations:

(1) The wife or husband of a veteran entitled to benefits under the 1944 act, if the veteran gives written consent, such benefits being in addition to any to which the spouse may individually be entitled under the 1944 act as a qualified veteran.

(2) The surviving wife or husband, or the surviving minor children if the spouse dies or remarries, of a veteran entitled to benefits under the 1944 act or of a person who died as the result of wounds received or disability incurred in line of duty while serving with the military or naval forces during the statutory period of the 1944 act.

(3) The heirs or devisees of a veteran entitled to the benefits of the 1944 act with respect to a homestead settlement or entry made by the veteran who died before perfecting title to the claim, without leaving a surviving spouse or minor children.

§ 2096.1–2 Credit for and evidence of service.

(a) Any person, entitled to benefits under the regulations of this part, may obtain credit only for actual service, with the organizations and for the "statutory periods" specified in the regulations of this part, subject to minimum requirements specified in the regulation in this part except as follows:

(1) Credit is granted for the equivalent of two years' service, regardless of the actual length of service by a veteran entitled to the benefits of the 1944 act, if the veteran was discharged because of wounds received or disability incurred in line of duty during the "statutory period" of the 1944 act; or after regular discharge, was furnished hospitalization or awarded compensation by the Government on account of such wounds or disability; or died as the result of wounds received or disability incurred in line of duty during such period.

(2) Credit is granted for the whole term of enlistment, regardless of actual length of service by any "veteran of other wars" who was discharged because of wounds received or disability incurred in the line of duty, or who subsequent to discharge was awarded compensation for such wounds or disability.

(3) Credit is granted for the whole term of enlistment, regardless of actual length of service by any "veteran of other wars", except of the Indian wars, if the veteran died during the term of his enlistment.

(4) Credit is granted for service by any "veteran of other wars" except of the Indian wars, for the full term of the service under his enlistment, although such term did not expire until after the war ceased.

(5) Credit granted for service between May 9, 1916, and March 3, 1921, includes time spent in a course of training under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of June 27, 1918 (40 Stat. 617), or under treatment in a Government hospital on account of wounds or disabilities incurred in line of duty during that period.

(b) For the purpose of the regulations of this part, credit for service in the military or naval forces of the United States begins upon induction into such service whether by enlistment, draft, appointment, or call into active service from a reserve status. Credit for service by a veteran entitled to the benefits of the 1944 act terminates upon his honorable discharge or release from active duty under honorable conditions to an inactive status, whether or not in a reserve component, or retirement, and whether or not he has thereafter resumed active duty. He is considered to have been honorably discharged for the purposes of the 1944 act if he has been separated from the service by means of an honorable discharge, or by the acceptance of resignation or a discharge under honorable conditions.

(c) No credit for military service can be allowed where commutation proof is submitted.

(d) A veteran claiming benefits under this part must submit evidence clearly showing:

(1) A discharge from the armed forces or other unit on the basis of service with which he claims benefits under the regulations in this part;

(2) The period of his service; and

(3) Other facts upon which his claim is based.

Preferred evidence for subparagraphs (1) and (2) of this paragraph is a photostatic copy of both sides of the veteran's certificate of discharge although other duly corroborated evidence will be accepted.

(e) Any other person claiming benefits under this section must submit all the evidence required of a veteran; and in addition, must include information as to whether the veteran is deceased, the date of his or her death, and whether the spouse has remarried, and facts as to homestead entry made by the veteran. A guardian, duly appointed and accredited to the Department must represent any surviving minor children. He must submit a like statement, and in addition give the name, address, and age of each surviving minor child.

§ 2096.1–3 Residence requirements under the homestead and Alaska homesite laws.

(a) Persons claiming benefits under the regulations in this part must comply with the homestead or Alaska homesite laws, as the case may be, for a period of at least one year and for such additional period as, added to the term of qualifying service, equals three years. Except as elsewhere indicated in this section, the following tables list the amount of residence required of such persons, according to the service credit to which they are entitled.

(1) Residence requirements under the homestead laws (43 U.S.C., sec. 161, et seq.):

(i) In the computation of the required periods of homestead residence, there has been excluded the five months' of absence each year which may be taken by giving notice as required in Subpart 2511.

Number of months of service credit	Number of months of residence required during the first 3 years after entry		
	1 year	A second year	A third year
19 or more	7		
18	7	1	
17	7	2	
16	7	3	
15	7	4	
14	7	5	
13	7	6	
7 to 12	7	7	
6	7	7	1
5	7	7	2
4	7	7	3
3	7	7	4
2 [1]	7	7	5
1 [1]	7	7	6

[1] Applicable only as to service in any Indian war, campaign, or in a zone of active Indian hostilities since veterans need a minimum of only 30 days service to obtain statutory benefits for such service.

(2) Residence requirements under the Alaska Homesite Act (48 U.S.C., sec. 461):

(i) These reduced residence requirements are applicable only to persons entitled to the benefits of the 1944 act.

Number of months of service credit	Number of months of residence required after entry		
	1 year of the entry	A second year of the entry	A third year of the entry
17 or more	5		
16	5	1	
15	5	2	
14	5	3	
13	5	4	
5 to 12	5	5	
4	5	5	1
3	5	5	2

(b) The following persons are excused from residence requirements:

(1) The surviving spouse, surviving minor orphan children, or other heirs or devisees, of a homestead entryman, who have succeeded to the homestead entry are excused from further residence on the land after the death of the entryman.

(2) Surviving minor orphan children of a veteran entitled to the benefits of the 1944 act who made an Alaska homesite entry are excused from further residence on the land after death of the entryman.

§ 2096.1–4 Cultivation and other requirements under the homestead and the Alaska homesite laws.

(a) An entryman entitled to benefits under the regulations in this part must comply with the requirements of these regulations and any others relating to his entry under the homestead or Alaska homesite law. If the entryman succeeds to the rights of a deceased entryman, the successor must show that the deceased entryman had complied with the applicable laws and regulations up to the time of his death.

(b) A homestead entryman obtaining benefits under the regulations in this part, may comply with the cultivation and other requirements and become entitled to a patent for his homestead prior to the termination of the three-year period otherwise required of homestead entrymen for such compliance, if he promptly files his final homestead proof. He must in any case cultivate at least one-eighth of the area entered. The following tables indicate the area of cultivation required under the homestead law of such persons, according to the service credit to which they are entitled.

(1) Cultivation requirements under the homestead laws for persons entitled to the benefits of the 1944 act:

Year after date of entry during which proof is filed [1]	Portion of entry required to be cultivated				
	First year	Second year	Third year	Fourth year	Fifth year
First [2]	1/8				
Second [3]		1/8			
Third		1/16	1/8		
Fourth		1/16	1/8	1/8	
Fifth		1/16	1/8	1/8	1/8

[1] This table assumes that final homestead proof is filed promptly after completion of the cultivation requirements listed in the above table. The homestead law requires cultivation until final proof. If the homesteader delays submission of final homestead proof beyond the period of residence required, therefore, he must perform the necessary cultivation during each annual cultivable season elapsing or reached before the submission of proof, except for those years to which his service credit is applied.

[2] Applicable only to persons entitled to credit for 19 months or more of service.

[3] Applicable only to persons entitled to credit for 7 months or more of service.

(2) Cultivation requirements under the homestead laws for persons entitled to the benefits of "veterans of other wars":

Year after date of entry during which proof is filed [1]	Portion of entry required to be cultivated				
	First year	Second year	Third year	Fourth year	Fifth year
First [2]					
Second [3]		1/16			
Third		1/16	1/8		
Fourth		1/16	1/8	1/8	
Fifth		1/16	1/8	1/8	1/8

[1] See footnote 1 in table in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph.

[2] See footnote 2 in table in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph.

[3] See footnote 3 in table in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph.

(c) The following persons are excused from any further compliance with the requirements of laws and regulations relating to the entries to which they have succeeded, nor do they have to show that the entryman had complied with applicable laws and regulations prior to his death:

(1) The surviving minor orphan children of a person entitled to the benefits of the 1944 act.

(2) The surviving minor orphan children of anyone else who made homestead entry but who died prior to perfection of title, leaving only a minor child or minor children.

(d) A person entitled to benefits under the regulations of this part may receive a reduction in the area to be cultivated under the homestead regulations Subpart 2510 in the same manner and under the same conditions required of other applicants.

§ 2096.2 Act of October 17, 1940; benefits to persons in military service.

§ 2096.2–1 Claims protected from forfeiture.

No right to any public land owned or controlled by the United States, initiated or acquired under any laws of the United States, including the general mining and mineral leasing laws, by any person prior to entering the military service will during the period of such service be forfeited or prejudiced by reason of his absence from the land or his failure to perform any work or make any improvements thereon, or for failure to do any other act required by or under such laws.

§ 2096.2–2 Rights protected.

No public land claimant in the military service will be denied the right to take any action during his period of service which may be authorized by law or the regulations of the Department of the Interior for the perfection, defense, or further assertion of rights initiated or acquired prior to the date of entering the military service.

§ 2096.2–3 Rights of minors.

Any person under 21 years of age who serves in the military service while the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 remains in force, will be entitled to the same rights under the laws relating to lands owned or controlled by the United States, including the mining and mineral leasing laws, as those over 21 possess under such laws. Any requirement as to the establishment of residence within a limited time will be suspended as to entry by such person until 6 months after his discharge from the military service. An application for entry by such person need not be under oath but must be signed by him.

§ 2096.2–4 Notice, proof, required.

(a) *Notice.* (1) Where notice of entrance into military service and of a desire to hold claims or obtain benefits is required by the act of October 17, 1940 (54 Stat. 1187, 50 U.S.C. App. sections 561–572) (except notice of a mining location), it shall be given on a form approved by the Director to the proper land office, as provided in § 1821.2–1(b)(1) of this chapter, within 6 months after entrance into service.

(2) A claimant of a mining location shall, in accordance with § 2096.2–7, give notice of his military service before the close of the assessment year.

(3) Notice shall be by registered mail unless it is filed personally in the proper office by the claimant or by his agent.

(b) *Execution of affidavits.* A person in the military service may execute any affidavit or submit any proof required by law or the regulations of the Bureau of Land Management, in connection with the entry, perfection, defense, or further assertion of any rights initiated or acquired prior to entering such service, before the officer in immediate command and holding a commission in the branch of the service in which he is engaged. Such affidavit will be as binding in law, and with like penalties, as if taken before a manager of a land office.

§ 2096.2–5 Homesteads.

Homestead claimants are entitled to the following relief and benefits, in addition to the protection of their claims from forfeiture, as provided in § 2096.2–1:

(a) *Credit for military service.* Any person having a valid homestead settlement claim, or any person who has made homestead application for public lands which is allowed after the date of the filing thereof, or any homestead entryman whose application has been allowed, who after such settlement, application or entry enters the military service, is entitled, in the administration of the homestead laws, to have his military service construed to be equivalent to residence and cultivation upon the tract settled upon or entered, for the period of such service. Moreover, if he is discharged on account of wounds received or disability incurred in the line of duty, the term of his enlistment and any period of hospitalization due to such wounds or disability will be deducted from the required length of residence, without reference to the time of actual service No patent will issue, however, until he has resided upon, improved and cultivated his homestead for a period of at least 1 year. He will be entitled during each year's required residence to a 5 months' leave of absence, in like manner as any other homesteader.

(b) *Credit for physical disabilities due to military service.* Any person entitled to credit for military service who is honorably discharged and because of physical incapacity due to such service is unable to return to the land, may make proof, regardless of whether or not 1 year's residence, improvements, and cultivation have been had, without further residence, improvements, or cultivation, at such time and place as the manager of the proper land office may authorize, and receive a patent to the land entered.

(c) *Widow, heirs, and minor children of homesteader.* If any person having a valid settlement claim or a pending or allowed homestead application dies while in the military service or as a result of such service his widow, if unmarried, or in the case of her marriage or death, his minor children or his or their legal representatives, may submit final proof without showing further residence, cultivation or improvements. If the deceased claimant had a valid homestead settlement claim for which application had not been filed, a homestead application based thereon must be presented. If the claim is on unsurveyed land, a homestead application cannot be presented until the land has been surveyed. In such case, request for survey should be made as promptly as possible, accompanied by a duly corroborated statement showing when the settlement claim was made, the periods during which deceased claimant resided upon and cultivated the land, and the facts as to his military service. The death of the claimant while in the military service or as a result of such service will be construed to be equivalent to a performance of all requirements as to residence and cultivation upon the homestead claim. Upon the submission of satisfactory proof, patent will be issued to the person or persons entitled thereto.

(d) *Contest of homestead.* (1) As long as the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 remains in force, no application to contest a homestead entry made or applied for prior to the entrance of the entryman into the military service, will be allowed, or adverse proceedings against such entry ordered, on the ground of abandonment, unless there is an allegation therein that the entryman's alleged absence from the land was not due to his military service. No allegation of abandonment will be sustained against a homestead settler or entryman in connection with such contest, unless it is proved at the hearing, if one be had, that the claimant's alleged absence from the land was not due to such military service.

(2) The manager will reject an application to contest a homestead entry on the charge of abandonment, if he finds that it was filed during the period of the entryman's military service, or during any period of hospitalization of the claimant because of wounds received or disability incurred in the line of duty. If any charge other than or in addition to abandonment is made, or if the claimant enters the military service or is hospitalized after the contest application is filed, the proceedings will be suspended for the period of such service or hospitalization.

§ 2096.2–6 Desert-land entries.

Desert-land claimants are entitled to the following relief and benefits, in addition to the protection of their claims from forfeiture as provided in § 2096.2–1:

(a) *Credit for military service.* No desert-land entry made or held under the desert-land laws prior to the entrance of the entryman or his successor in interest into the military service, will be subject to contest or cancellation for failure to make or expand the sum of $1 per acre per year in improvements on the land or to effect the reclamation of the claim during the period the entryman or his successor in interest is engaged in the military service or during a period of 6 months thereafter or during any period of hospitalization because of wounds or disability incurred in the line of duty. The time within which such entryman or claimant is required to make such expenditures and effect reclamation of the land will be exclusive of his period of service and the 6-months' period and any such period of hospitalization. In order to obtain the benefits mentioned, notice of military service must be given in accordance with § 2096.2–4(a).

(b) *Credit for physical incapacities due to military service.* Any person who is entitled to credit for military service who is honorably discharged and because of physical incapacities due to his military service and who is unable to accomplish reclamation of and payment for the land, may make proof without further reclamation or payment and receive patent for the land entered or claimed.

(c) *Contest of desert-land entry.* (1) As long as the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 remains in force, no application to contest a desert-land entry

made or applied for prior to the entrance of the claimant into the military service will be allowed, or adverse proceedings against such entry ordered, for failure of the claimant to make or expend the sum of $1 per acre per year in improvements upon the claim, or to effect the reclamation of the claim during the period the entryman or his successor in interest is engaged in the military service, or during a period of 6 months thereafter, or during any period of hospitalization because of wounds or disability incurred in the line of duty, unless there is an allegation therein that the alleged default did not occur during such military service or hospitalization. No allegation of such default will be sustained against a desert-land claimant in connection with such contest unless it is proved at the hearing, if one be had, that the alleged default did not occur during such military service or hospitalization, as indicated.

(2) Any contest proceedings involving a desert-land entry, brought either before or after the claimant enters the military service, will be suspended for the period of such service and for 6 months thereafter, and during any period of hospitalization of the claimant because of wounds or disability incurred in the line of duty.

§ 2096.2–7 Mining claims.

The relief and benefits extended because of military service and the requirement as to notice of such service, made by section 505 of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, in connection with mining claims, are as follows:

(a) *Claims protected from forfeiture.* The provisions of section 2324 of the Revised Statutes, which require that on each mining claim located after May 10, 1872, and until patent has been issued therefor, not less than $100 worth of labor shall be performed or improvements made during each year, will not apply during the period of the claimant's military service, or until 6 months after the termination of such service, or during any period of hospitalization because of wounds or disability incurred in the line of duty, to claims or interests in claims which are owned by such person and which have been regularly located and recorded. No mining claim nor any interest in a claim which is owned by such a person and which has been regularly located and recorded will be subject to forfeiture for nonperformance of the annual assessment labor during the period of such military service, or until 6 months after the termination of such service, or of such hospitalization.

(b) *Notice of military service.* (1) The holder of a mining location who desires to obtain the relief and protection mentioned in paragraph (a) of this section, must, before the expiration of the assessment year during which he enters the military service, file or cause to be filed in the county recording office in which the location notice or certificate is recorded a notice that he has entered such service and that he desires to hold the mining claim under section 505 of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940. The notice may be given on a form approved by the Director.

(2) If application for patent to the mining claim has been made, notice to the Bureau of Land Management of the applicant's entrance into military service is desirable, but not mandatory.

§ 2096.2–8 Leases, permits, licenses, and claims.

(a) No mineral or grazing lease, or any mineral, timber, or other permit or license, or any application for such lease, permit or license, or any right or claim which has been applied for or acquired under the public land laws by any person prior to entering the military service, will, during the period of such service, be forfeited or prejudiced by reason of his absence from the land or his failure to perform any work or to make any improvements thereon, or his failure to do any other act required by or under such laws.

(b) Where during the period of the military service, the claimant or his agent continues to operate or to make use of the land in accordance with the terms of the lease, permit, or other right, the rentals, royalties, and other obligations will become due and payable as provided by such instrument. If in a particular case the ability of the claimant to make such payment has been affected materially by reason of his military service, a showing of the facts may be made and such relief as may be deemed appropriate will be granted.

(c) The regulations in this section for the suspension of leases, permits, licenses, etc. are based on the general protection accorded all claims contained in section 501 of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, the specific authority for the suspension of leases and permits issued under the Federal mineral leasing laws, contained in section 506 of the act, and the general authority conferred on the Secretary of the Interior, to issue rules and regulations, contained in section 507 of the act.

(d) Any person having a mineral lease or permit, a grazing lease, or any lease, permit, license or other right involving the public lands, under the administration of the Bureau of Land Management, including claims the suspension of which is not specifically authorized by any section of the act, who enters the military service may, at his election, suspend all operations under such instrument for a period of time equivalent to the period of his military service and 6 months thereafter. The term of the lease or permit will not run during the period of such suspension, no rentals or royalties for the period of the suspension will be charged, and no use of the land during such period by the claimant or his agent under such instrument may be made.

(e) In order to obtain the benefits of section 506 of the act, a permittee or lessee of public domain under the Federal mineral leasing laws shall file a notice of his entrance into military service and of his desire to avail himself of the benefits of that section, in accordance wih paragraph 2096.2–4(a).

(f) The suspension of a lease, permit, license, etc., will not be construed to supersede the terms of any contract for the operation thereof.

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Subpart 2610—Scrip, General

§ 2610.0–1 Purpose.

The purpose of the regulations in this subpart is to provide procedures for the orderly satisfaction and retirement of outstanding valid scrip, lieu selection, and similar rights, consistent with the public land laws governing such rights, including the Act of August 31, 1964 (78 Stat. 751). This Act provides that all claims and holdings recorded under the Act of August 5, 1955 (69 Stat. 534, 535) which are not satisfied by methods provided by the Act shall become null and void January 1, 1970, except for soldiers' additional homestead claims which shall become null and void on January 1, 1975.

§ 2610.0–2 Objectives.

The program of the Secretary of the Interior is to encourage the early satisfaction of all outstanding valid scrip consistent with the Act of August 31, 1964.

§ 2610.0–3 Authority.

(a) *Recording action.* (1) The act of August 5, 1955 (69 Stat. 534, 535), requires that any owner of, or any person claiming rights to, the scrip, lieu selection, and similar rights described in paragraph (b) of this section must present his holdings or claim for recordation by the Department of the Interior. The act further provides that claims or holdings not presented for recordation as required by the act will not thereafter be accepted by the Department of the Interior for recordation or as a basis for the acquisition of lands.

(b) The Act of August 31, 1964 (78 Stat. 751) provides methods for the satisfaction of all claims and holdings recorded under the Act of August 5, 1955.

§ 2610.0–5 Definitions.

For the purposes of this subpart:

(a) "Claim" means all valid and unsatisfied claims and holdings recorded under the Act of August 5, 1955 (69 Stat. 534, 535).

(b) "Value" means fair market value, as determined by the Secretary or his delegate.

Subpart 2611—Recordation of Scrip

§ 2611.1 Time limit.

Persons who, by transfer (by assignment, inheritance, operation of law, or otherwise) become owners of, or claimants of rights to, any such rights which have been recorded under the act must present their claims or holdings for recordation within six months after such transfer.

§ 2611.2 How to secure recordation.

Persons who desire to record their holdings or claims under the act must present the following to the Director, Bureau of Land Management, Washington 25, D.C., within the time periods prescribed in section 2611.1.

(a) A statement, in duplicate, captioned "Application for Recordation of Scrip, Lieu Selection, or Similar Rights under the act of August 5, 1955 (69 Stat. 534)," containing the (1) name and full post-office address of the applicant, (2) names and full post-office addresses of all the owners or claimants of the right presented for recordation, (3) the type of script or right presented, and (4) the acreage of such script or right.

(b) The scrip, or other document which evidences their right, providing their right is based on such a document.

(c) A statement, in duplicate, showing the basis of their right, providing the right is not based on scrip, warrant, or other document.

Subpart 2612—Satisfaction of Scrip

§ 2612.1 Classification.

(a) When lands are classified pursuant to section 3 of the Act of August 31, 1964, for satisfaction of scrip, the classification order will specify the type or types of claims which may be exchanged for the classified lands.

(b) Unless sooner terminated by the authorized officer, any classification, pursuant to section 3 of the Act of August 31, 1964, will terminate on December 31, 1969, except that classification of land for soldiers' additional homestead claims will terminate December 31, 1974.

(c) Land and interests in land may be classified for satisfaction of claims only if they are suitable for claim satisfaction under the terms of the authority establishing the claim and under the provisions of other applicable laws.

(d) Lands classified for the satisfaction of claims will be segregated from all appropriations, including locations under the mining laws, except as provided in the order of classification or in any modification or revision thereof.

(e) In satisfaction of applications filed on and after July 1, 1966, each claimant is entitled to receive land in tracts having a value per acre no less than the following:

(1) For soldiers' additional homestead, claims, $250;

(2) For Valentine, Sioux Half Breed, Porterfield, and railroad lieu selection claims, $1,270.

(3) For forest lieu selection claims, $275.

(f) Hereafter, no tract of land will be classified as suitable for disposition in satisfaction for claims if the value per acre of the tract exceeds the following:

(1) For soldiers' additional homestead, claims, $275;

(2) For Valentine, Sioux Half Breed, Wyandotte, Porterfield, Gerard, McKee, and railroad lieu selection claims, $1,400;

(3) For forest lieu selection claims, $300

§ 2612.2 Application.

(a) Every application to satisfy a claim must be made on a form approved by the Director, properly executed.

(b) Applications to satisfy claims by the conveyance of public lands will not be accepted, will not be considered as filed, and will be returned to the applicant unless the lands sought have previously been classified as suitable for satisfaction of claims.

(c) If all else is regular the application first received for a tract of land will be entitled to priority, whether delivery was by mail or otherwise. Where applications are received simultaneously, a drawing will be held to determine priority, except that where applications are received simultaneously through the mails, the one bearing the earliest postmark is entitled to priority.

(d) All applications filed pursuant to this section must be accompanied by an application service fee of $10, which will not be returnable.

§ 2612.3 Validity.

No transaction for the satisfaction of a claim, whether by cash or conveyance of land, shall be consummated unless and until the authorized officer determines that the scrip is valid.

§ 2612.4 Election to receive cash.

(a) Any time up to and including December 31, 1974, a claimant may elect, by written notice to the Director, Bureau of Land Management, to receive cash instead of land in satisfaction of soldier's additional homestead claims.

(b) Payments will be made at a rate equal to the value per acre of the lands offered under section 4 of the Act of August 31, 1964, for claims of the type being satisfied.

§ 2612.5 Notice; publication; proof.

Applicants for land in satisfaction of scrip will be required upon demand to publish once a week for four consecutive weeks in accordance with § 1824.3 of this chapter, at their expense, in a designated newspaper and in a designated form, a notice informing all interested persons of the opportunity to file in the appropriate office their objections to the use of such land in satisfaction of claims. A protestant must serve on the applicant a copy of the objections and furnish evidence of such service. Proof of publication must be filed in accordance with § 1824.9–3 of this chapter.

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§ 2621.0–2 Objectives and Background.

Generally, grants made by Statehood Acts to the various States of school sections 16 and 36, and in addition, sections 2 and 32 in Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah, attach to a school sections on the date of acceptance or approval of the plat of survey thereof. If the acceptance or approval was prior to the granting act, or to the date of admission of the State into the Union, the grant attaches either on the date of approval of the act or the date of admission into the Union, whichever is the later date. However, if on the date the grant would otherwise attach, the land is appropriated under some applicable public land law, the grant does not attach, and the State is entitled to indemnity therefor as provided in the regulations in this subpart.

§ 2621.0–3 Authority.

(a) Sections 2275 and 2276 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (43 U.S.C. 851, 852), referred to in §§2222.1–1 to 2222.1–5 as "the law," authorize the public land States except Alaska to select lands (or the retained or reserved interest of the United States in lands which have been disposed of with a reservation to the United States of all minerals, or any specified mineral or minerals, which interest is referred to in §§ 2621.3 to 2621.4 as the "mineral estate") of equal acreage within their boundaries as indemnity for grant lands in place lost to the States because of appropriation before title could pass to the State or because of natural deficiencies resulting from such causes as fractional sections and fractional townships.

(b) The law provides that indemnity for lands lost because of natural deficiencies will be selected from the unappropriated, nonmineral, public lands, and that indemnity for lands lost before title could pass to the State will be selected from the unappropriated, public lands subject to the following restrictions:

(1) No lands mineral in character may be selected except to the extent that the selection is made as indemnity for mineral lands.

(2) No lands on a known geologic structure of a producing oil or gas field may be selected except to the extent that the selection is made as indemnity for lands on such a structure.

(c) The law also provides that lands subject to a mineral lease or permit may be selected, but only if the lands are otherwise available for selection, and if none of the lands subject to that lease or permit are in producing or producible status. It permits the selection of lands withdrawn, classified, or reported as valuable for coal, phosphate, nitrate, potash, oil, gas, asphaltic minerals, oil shale, sodium, and sulphur and lands withdrawn by Executive Order No. 5327 of April 15, 1930, if such lands are otherwise available for, and subject to, selection: *Provided*, That except where such minerals are reserved to the United States in accordance with and subject to the regulations in Subpart 2093. Except for the withdrawals mentioned in this paragraph and for lands subject to classification under section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act of June 28, 1934 (48 Stat. 1269; 43 U.S.C. 315f), as amended, the law does not permit the selection of withdrawn or reserved lands.

(d) Subsection (b) of the section 2276 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, sets forth the principles of adjustment where selections are made to compensate for deficiencies of school lands in fractional townships.

§ 2621.1 Waiver of State preference right of application.

Where the proper selecting agent of the State files in writing in the appropriate land office a waiver of the preference provisions in connection with the proposed revocation of an order of withdrawal, the order or notice effecting such revocation will not provide for such preference.

§ 2621.2 Applications for selection.

(a) Applications for selection must be made on a form approved by the Director, and must be accompanied by a petition on a form approved by the Director properly executed. However, if the lands described in application have been already classified and opened for selection pursuant to the regulations of this part, no petition is required.

(b) Applications for selection under the law will be made by the proper selecting agent of the State and will be filed, in duplicate, in the proper land office in the State or for lands or mineral estate in a State in which there is no land office, will be filed in accordance with the provisions of § 1821.2 of this chapter.

(c) Applications must be accompanied by the following information:

(1) A reference to the act of August 27, 1958 (72 Stat. 928), as amended.

(2) A certificate by the selecting agent showing:

(i) All facts relative to medicinal or hot springs or other waters upon the selected lands.

(This provision does not apply insofar as the application involves the selection of the mineral estate.)

(ii) That indemnity has not been previously granted for the assigned base lands and that no other selection is pending for such assigned base.

(3) A statement describing the mineral or nonmineral character of each smallest legal subdivision of the base and selected lands or mineral estate.

(4) A certificate by the officer or officers charged with the care and disposal of school lands that no instrument purporting to convey, or in any way incumber, the title to any of the land used as base or bases, has been issued by the State or its agents.

(d) In addition to the requirements of paragraph (c) of this section, applications for selection must conform with the following rules:

(1) The selected land and base lands must be described in accordance with the official plats of survey except that unsurveyed lands will be described in terms of protracted surveys as officially approved in accordance with 43 CFR 3101.1–4(d)(1). If the unsurveyed lands are not covered by protracted surveys the lands must be described in terms of their probable legal description, if and when surveyed in accordance with the rectangular system of public land surveys, or if the State Director gives written approval therefor, by a metes and bounds description adequate to identify the lands accurately.

(2) The selection in any one application must not exceed 12,000 acres. This limitation shall not apply to unsurveyed lands if the State Director finds that the selection of a larger tract would not be inconsistent with the management of the remaining public lands and their resources. However, in this latter event, the unsurveyed lands selected must be in one tract.

(3) Separate base or bases must be assigned to each smallest legal subdivision of selected surveyed land or mineral estate and to each tract of unsurveyed land. Such base or bases must correspond in area with each subdivision or tract. A portion of a smallest actual or probable legal subdivision may be assigned as base but such assignment is an election to take indemnity for the entire subdivision and is a waiver of the State's rights to such subdivision, except that any remaining balance may be used as base for future selections.

(4) For purposes of selecting unsurveyed land a protracted section shall be considered to be a smallest legal subdivision except where the State Director finds otherwise.

(5) The cause of loss of the base lands to the State must be specifically stated for each separate base.

(e) Applications for selection must be accompanied by a nonrefundable application service charge of $5.

§ 2621.3 Publication and protests.

(a) The State will be required to publish once a week for five consecutive weeks in accordance with § 1824.3 of this chapter, at its own expense, in a designated newspaper and in a designated form, a notice allowing all persons claiming the land adversely to file in the appropriate office their objections to the issuance of a certification to the State for lands selected under the law. A protestant must serve on the State a copy of the objections and furnish evidence of service to the appropriate land office.

(b) The State must file a statement of the publisher, accompanied by a copy of the notice published, showing that publication has been had for the required time.

§ 2621.4 Certifications; mineral leases and permits.

(a) Certifications will be issued for all selections approved under the law by the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management.

(b) Where all the lands subject to a mineral lease or permit are certified to a State, or if, where the State has previously acquired title to a portion of the lands subject to a mineral lease or permit, the remaining lands in the lease or permit are certified to the State, the State shall succeed to the position of the United States thereunder. Where a portion of the lands subject to any mineral lease or permit are certified to a State, the United States shall retain for the duration of the lease or permit the mineral or minerals for which the lease or permit was issued.

§ 2621.5 Application for selection of unsurveyed lands.

(a) The authorized officer will reject any application for selection of unsurveyed lands if: (1) The costs of survey of the lands would grossly exceed the average per-acre costs of surveying public lands under the rectangular system of surveys in the State in which the lands are located, or (2) if the conveyance of the lands would create serious problems in the administration of the remaining public lands or resources thereof or would significantly diminsh the value of the remaining public lands. The term "remaining public lands" means the public lands from which the applied-for lands would be separated by survey.

(b) In addition to the provisions of this section, applications for selection of unsurveyed lands are subject to the provisions of Subpart 2400.

Subpart 2622—Quantity and Special Grant Selections

§ 2622.0–1 Purpose and scope.

(a) Sections 2622.0–1 to 2622.0–8 apply generally to quantity and special grants made to States other than Alaska.

(b) The regulations in §§ 2621.2 to 2621.4 apply to quantity and special grants with the following exceptions and modifications:

(1) Sections 2622.4(b) and 2621.2(c)(4); and §§ 2622.2(d)(3) and (4) and all references to base lands and to mineral estate do not apply.

(2) Section § 2621.2(c)(1) is modified to require reference to the appropriate granting act; § 2621.2(c)(3) is modified to require a statement testifying to the nonmineral character of each smallest legal subdivision of the selected land; § 2621.2(d)(2) is modified to permit as much as 6,400 acres in a single selection; and § 2621.2 is modified to require a certificate that the selection and those pending, together with those approved, do not exceed the total amount granted for the stated purpose of the grant.

§ 2622.0–8 Lands subject to selection.

Selections made in satisfaction of quantity and special grants can generally be made only from the vacant, unappropriated, nonmineral, surveyed public lands within the State to which the grant was made. If the lands are otherwise available for selection, the States may select lands which are withdrawn, classified, or reported as valuable for coal, phosphate, nitrate, potash, oil, gas, asphaltic minerals, sodium, or sulphur, provided that the appropriate minerals are reserved to the United States in accordance with and subject to the regulations of Subpart 2093.

Subpart 2623—School Land Grants to Certain States Extended to Include Mineral Sections

§ 2623.0–3 Authority.

(a) The first paragraph of section 1 of the act approved January 25, 1927 (44 Stat. 1026; 43 U.S.C. 870), reads as follows:

> That, subject to the provisions of subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section, the several grants to the States of numbered sections in place for the support or in aid of common or public schools be, and they are hereby, extended to embrace numbered school sections mineral in character, unless land has been granted to and/or selected by and certified or approved, to any such State or States as indemnity or in lieu of any land so granted by numbered sections.

(b) The beneficiaries of this grant are the States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. The grant also extends to the unsurveyed school sections reserved, granted, and confirmed to the State of Florida by the act of Congress approved September 22, 1922 (42 Stat. 1017; 16 U.S.C. 483, 484).

(c) The additional grant thus made, subject to all the conditions in the statute making same, applies to school-section lands known to be of mineral character at the effective date thereof as hereinafter defined. It does not include school-section lands nonmineral in character, those not known to be mineral in character at time of grant, but afterwards found to contain mineral deposits, such lands not being excepted from the grants theretofore made (Wyoming et al. v. United States, 255 U.S. 489–500, 501, 65 L. ed. 742–748), nor does it include lands in numbered school sections in lieu of or as indemnity for which lands were conveyed to the States first above named, or to the State of Florida with respect to school-section lands coming within the purview of the act of September 22, 1922, prior to January 25, 1927.

(d) Determinations made prior to January 25, 1927, by the Secretary of the Interior or the Commissioner of the General Land Office to the effect that lands in school sections were excepted from school-land grants because of their known mineral character do not, of themselves, prevent or affect in any way the vesting of title in the States pursuant to the provisions of the statute making the additional grant.

(e) Subsection (a) of section 1 of the act provides:

> That the grant of numbered mineral sections under this Act shall be of the same effect as prior grants for the numbered nonmineral sections, and title to such numbered mineral sections shall vest in the States at the time and in the manner and be subject to all the rights of adverse parties recognized by existing law in the grants of numbered nonmineral sections.

§ 2623.0–7 Cross reference.

For national forests and national parks, see § 1821.7–2 of this chapter. For naval petroleum reserves, see section 3102.2–2 of this chapter.

§ 2623.0–8 Lands subject to selection.

(a) *Lands included in grant.* (1) Section 2 of the act of January 25, 1927 (44 Stat. 1027; 43 U.S.C. 871) reads as follows:

SEC. 2. That nothing herein contained is intended or shall be held or construed to increase, diminish, or affect the rights of States under grants other than for the support of common or public schools by numbered school sections in place, and this Act shall not apply to indemnity or lieu selections or exchanges or the right hereafter to select indemnity for numbered school sections in place lost to the State under the provisions of this or other Acts, and all existing laws governing such grants and indemnity or lieu selections and exchanges are hereby continued in full force and effect.

(2) The only grants affected in any way by the provisions of the act of January 25, 1927, are those of numbered sections of land in place made to the States for the support of common or public schools. The adjudication of claims to land asserted under other grants, for indemnity or lieu lands and exchanges of lands, will proceed as theretofore, being governed by the provisions of existing laws applicable thereto. The States will be afforded full opportunity, however, if the facts and conditions are such as to authorize such action, either to assign new base in support of or to withdraw pending unapproved indemnity school land selections in support of which mineral school-section lands have been tendered as base.

(b) *Lands excluded from grant.* (1) Subsection (c) of section 1 of the act of January 25, 1927, provides:

That any lands included within the limits of existing reservations of or by the United States, or specifically reserved for waterpower purposes, or included in any pending suit or proceedings in the courts of the United States, or subject to or included in any valid application, claim, or right initiated or held under any of the existing laws of the United States, unless or until such application, claim, or right is relinquished or canceled, and all lands in the Territory of Alaska are excluded from the provisions of this act.

(2) School-section lands included within the limits of existing reservations of or by the United States, specifically reserved for waterpower purposes, or included in any suit or proceedings in the courts of the United States, prior to January 25, 1927, and all lands in Alaska are excluded from the provisions of the act. (2623.4)

(3) The words "existing reservation" as used in subsection (c) are construed generally and subject to specific determination in particular cases if the need therefor shall arise, as including Indian and military reservations, naval and petroleum reserves, national parks, national forests, stock driveways, reservations established under the act of June 25, 1910 (36 Stat. 847; 43 U.S.C. 141–143), as amended by the act of August 24, 1912 (37 Stat. 497; 43 U.S.C. 142), and all forms of Executive withdrawal recognized and construed by the Department of the Interior as reservations, existent prior to January 25, 1927.

§ 2623.1 Effective date of grant.

Grants to the States of school lands in place (the numbered sections), of the character and status subject thereto, as a rule, are effective and operate to vest title upon the date of the approval of the statute making the grant or the date of the admission of the State into the Union, as to lands then surveyed, and as to the lands thereafter surveyed upon the date of the acceptance of the survey thereof by the Director of the Bureau of Land Management. (United States v. Morrison, 240 U.S. 192, 60 L. ed. 599; United States v. Sweet, 245 U.S. 563, 62 L. ed. 473; Wyoming et al. v. United States, supra.) It is held, therefore, that the grant made by the first paragraph of section 1 of the act of January 25, 1927, subject to the provision therein with respect to indemnity or lieu lands, to the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of said section 1 and following the plain provisions of subsection (a) thereof is effective upon the date of the approval of the act (January 25, 1927) as to lands then surveyed and the survey thereof accepted by the Director of the Bureau of Land Management and as to the unsurveyed school sections in the State of Florida granted to that State by the act of September 22, 1922. The grant, as to other lands thereafter surveyed, subject to the same provisions is effective upon the acceptance of the survey thereof as above indicated.

§ 2623.2 Claims protected.

(a) **Valid applications, claims, or** rights protected by the provisions of subsection (c) of section 1 of the act of January 25, 1927, include applications, entries, selections, locations, permits, leases, and other forms of filing, initiated or held pursuant to existing laws of the United States prior to January 25, 1927, embracing known mineral school-section lands then surveyed and otherwise within the terms of the additional grant, and as to lands thereafter surveyed, valid applications, claims, or rights so initiated or held prior to the date of the acceptance of the survey. The additional grant to the State will attach upon the effective date of the relinquishment or cancellation of any claim, so asserted, in the absence of any other valid existing claim for the land and if same be then surveyed. Should the validity of any such claim be questioned by the State, proceedings with respect thereto by protest, contest, hearing, etc., will be had in the form and manner prescribed by existing rules governing such cases. This procedure will be followed in the matter of all protests, contests, or claims filed by individuals, associations, or corporations against the States affecting school-section lands.

§ 2623.3 States not permitted to dispose of lands except with reservation of minerals.

(a) Subsection (b) of section 1 of the act of January 25, 1927, provides:

> That the additional grant made by this Act is upon the express condition that all sales, grants, deeds, or patents for any of the lands so granted shall be subject to and contain a reservation to the State of all the coal and other minerals in the lands so sold, granted, deeded, or patented, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same. The coal and other mineral deposits in such lands shall be subject to lease by the State as the State legislature may direct, the proceeds of rentals and royalties therefrom to be utilized for the support or in aid of the common or public schools: *Provided,* That any lands or minerals disposed of contrary to the provisions of this Act shall be forfeited to the United States by appropriate proceedings instituted by the Attorney General for that purpose in the United States district court for the district in which the property or some part thereof is located.

(b) The lands granted to the States by the act of January 25, 1927, and the mineral deposits therein are to be disposed of by the States in the manner prescribed in subsection (b) thereof, provision being made for judicial forfeiture in case of disposal of any of the lands or minerals contrary to the provisions of the act.

§ 2623.4 Grant of mineral school sections effective upon restoration of land from reservation.

(a) By the act of January 25, 1927 (44 Stat. 1026; 43 U.S.C. 870, 871), which grants to the States certain school-section lands that are mineral in character, it is provided by subsection (c) of section 1 that where such lands are embraced within an existing reservation at the date of said act of 1927, they are thereby excluded from the grant made by said act.

(b) Under the amendatory act of May 2, 1932 (47 Stat. 140; 43 U.S.C. 870), it is provided that in the event of the restoration of the lands from such reservation, the grant to the State of such mineral school-section lands will thereupon become effective.

(c) Adjudications in connection with the State's title to school sections will be governed by the provisions of this amendatory act of May 2, 1932.

Subpart 2624—Patents for Granted School Sections

§ 2624.0–1 Purpose.

The purpose of the act of June 21, 1934, is to provide the States, upon application, with evidence of title to the designated school-section lands granted by the Enabling Acts, by the act of January 25, 1927 (44 Stat. 1026; 43 U.S.C. 870, 871), and by any other act of Congress. The words "and by any other act of Congress" are construed to embrace any grant or grants of numbered school sections in place made to any of the public-land States.

§ 2624.0–3 Authority.

The act approved June 21, 1934 (48 Stat. 1185; 43 U.S.C. 871a) provides for the issuance of patent, upon application by a State for the numbered school sections in place granted for the support of common schools.

§ 2624.1 Application for patent.

(a) *Filing and fees.* (1) There will be no filing or conveyance fees required on the part of the States in connection with the patenting of school sections in place under this act.

(2) The act places no limitation upon the areas which may be applied for under one application. No fixed rule is necessary in regard to the area which may be included in any one patent. This matter will be handled in such manner as will permit the best results from an administrative standpoint.

(3) Application shall be filed in the proper land office in accordance with the provisions of § 1821.2 of this chapter.

(b) *Publication of notice; protests.* An applicant for patent under the act of June 21, 1934, will be required to publish notice of its application, at its own expense, in a daily, weekly, or semiweekly paper, published in the vicinity of the land, once each week for five consecutive weeks, and to furnish proof thereof by a statement of the publisher or foreman of the newspaper employed. Notices for publication will be prepared by the manager and will be transmitted to the proper State official for publication in the paper designated. Where publication is made in a daily paper, the notice should appear in the Wednesday issue for five consecutive weeks; if in a semiweekly paper, in either issue for five consecutive weeks. The notice should require persons asserting claims to any of the lands advertised to file protest or notice of their claims in the land office within 30 days from the date of last publication, in order to receive proper consideration before the issuance of a patent.

§ 2624.2 Date title vested in the State; conditions or limitations to be made in patent; hearings.

(a) Determination of the date when title vested in the State and of "prior conditions, limitations, easements, or rights, if any," to which the land is subject, will be ascertained from the records in the Bureau of Land Management and in the Geological Survey, and appropriate mention of such facts made in the patent.

(b) Should hearings be ordered the costs will be assessed between the parties thereto in the manner provided by Part 1850 of this chapter. Orders authorizing the issuance of patents for school sections under the act of June 21, 1934, will be signed by the Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

Subpart 2625—Swamp-Land Grants

§ 2625.0–3 Authority.

(a) Circular dated Mar. 17, 1896, containing the swamp-land laws and regulations, states:

As soon as practicable after the passage of the swamp-land grant of September 28, 1850, viz, on the 21st of November 1850, the commissioner transmitted to the governors of the respective States to which the grant applied copies of office circular setting forth the provisions of said Act, giving instructions thereunder, and allowing the States to elect which of two methods they would adopt for the purpose of designating the swamp lands, viz:

1. The field notes of Government survey could be taken as the basis for selections, and all lands shown by them to be swamp or overflowed, within the meaning of the act, which were otherwise vacant and unappropriated September 28, 1850, would pass to the States.

2. The States could select the lands by their own agents and report the same to the United States surveyor general with proof as to the character of the same.

The following States elected to make the field notes of survey the basis for determining what lands passed to them under the grant, viz: Louisiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin. Later the State of Minnesota adopted this method of settlement.

The authorities of the following States elected to make their selections by their own agents and present proof that the lands selected were of the character contemplated by the swamp grant, viz: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Mississippi, Missouri, and Ohio. Later Oregon adopted this method.

The States of Alabama, Arkansas, Indiana, Mississippi, and Ohio adopted the second method at the beginning, but they changed to the first method, i.e., to the field notes of survey, as a basis of settlement, in recent years.

The authorities of California did not adopt either method, and the passage of the Act of July 23, 1866, rendered such action on their part unnecessary.

In Louisiana the selections under the grant of March 2, 1849, forming the bulk of the selections in said State, are made in accordance with the terms of said act by deputy surveyors, under the direction of the United States surveyor general, at the expense of the State.

The grant of swamp lands, under acts of March 2, 1849, and September 28, 1850, is a grant in praesenti. See United States Supreme Court decisions Railroad Co. v. Fremont County (9 Wall, 89, 19 L. ed. 563); Railroad Co. v. Smith (id. 95, 19 L. ed. 595); Martin v. Marks (7 Otto 345, 24 L. ed. 940); decisions of the Secretary of the Interior, December 23, 1851 (1 Lester's L.L. 549), April 25, 1862, and opinion of Attorney General, November 10, 1858 (1 Lester's L.L. 564).

(c) The act of September 28, 1850, did not grant swamp and overflowed lands to States admitted into the Union after its passage. See decision of Secretary of the Interior, August 17, 1858; Commissioner, General Land Office, May 2, 1871 (Copp's L.L. 474), affirmed by Secretary June 1, 1871, and Commissioner, General Land Office, January 19, 1874 (Copp's L.L. 473), affirmed by Secretary July 9, 1875.

(d) A State having elected to take swamp land by field notes and plats of survey is bound by them, as is also the Government. (See Secretary's decisions, October 4, 1855 (1 Lester's L.L. 553), August 1, 1859 (id. 571), December 4, 1877 (4 Copp's L.L. 149), and September 19, 1879.

(e) The Swamp-Land Acts do not contain any exception or reservation of mineral lands and none is to be implied, since at the time of their enactment the public policy of withholding mineral lands for disposition only under laws including them, was not established. Work, Secretary of the Interior v. Louisiana (269 U.S. 250, 70 L. ed. 259).

§ 2625.1 Selection and patenting of swamp lands.

(a) All lands properly selected and reported to the Bureau of Land Management as swamp will be compared with the records of the said office, and lists of such lands as are shown to be swamp or overflowed, within the meaning of the acts of March 2, 1849, and September 28, 1850 (9 Stat. 352, 519), and that are otherwise free from conflict will be made out by such office and approved.

(b) When the lists have been approved a copy of each list will be transmitted to the governor of the State, with the statement that on receipt of his request patent will issue to the State for the lands. A copy of each list also will be transmitted to the manager of the land office for the district in which the lands are situated, and he will be requested to examine the same with the records of his office and report any conflicts found.

(c) Upon receipt of a request from the governor for patent, and a report from the manager as to status, patents will issue to the State for all the lands embraced in said lists so far as they are free from conflict.

(d) Under the provisions of the act of March 2, 1849, granting swamp lands to the State of Louisiana, a certified copy of the list approved by the Director, transmitted to the Governor, has the force and effect of a patent.

§ 2625.2 Applications in conflict with swamp-land claims.

Applications adverse to the State, in conflict with swamp-land claims, will be governed by the following rules:

(a) In those States where the adjudication of swamp-land claims is based on the evidence contained in the survey returns, applications adverse to the State for lands returned as swamp will be rejected unless accompanied by a showing that the land is non-swamp in character.

(b) In such case, the claim adverse to the State must be supported by a statement of the applicant under oath, corroborated by two witnesses, setting forth the basis of the claim and that at the date of the swamp-land grant the land was not swamp and overflowed and not rendered thereby unfit for cultivation. In the absence of such affidavit the application will be rejected. If properly

supported, the application will be received and suspended subject to a hearing to determine the swamp or non-swamp character of the land, the burden of proof being upon the non-swamp claimant.

(c) In those States where the survey returns are not made the basis for adjudication of the swamp-land selections, junior applications for lands covered by swamp-land selections may be received and suspended, if supported by non-swamp affidavits corroborated by two witnesses, subject to hearing to determine the character of the land, whether swamp or non-swamp, and the burden of proof will be upon the junior applicant. Likewise, the State, if a junior applicant, may be heard upon furnishing an affidavit corroborated by two witnesses alleging that the land is swamp in character within the meaning of the swamp-land grant, in which case the burden of proof at the hearing will be upon the State.

(d) Where hearings are ordered in any such cases, the Rules of Practice governing contests will be applied, except as herein otherwise provided.

Subpart 2627—Alaska

§ 2627.1 Grant for community purposes.

(a) *Authority.* The act of July 7, 1958 (72 Stat. 339, 340), grants to the State of Alaska the right to select, within 25 years after January 3, 1959, not to exceed 400,000 acres of national forest lands in Alaska which are vacant and unappropriated at the time of their selection and not to exceed 400,000 acres of other public lands in Alaska which are vacant, unappropriated, and unreserved at the time of their selection. The act provides that the selected lands must be adjacent to the established communities or suitable for prospective community centers and recreational areas. The act further provides that such lands shall be selected with the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture as to national forest lands and with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior as to other lands, and that no selection shall be made north and west of the line described in section 10 of the act without approval of the President or his designated representative.

(b) *Applicable regulations.* Unless otherwise indicated therein, the regulations in § 2627.3 (a) to (d) apply to the grant and selection of lands for community purposes. In addition to the requirements of § 2627.3(c), where the selected lands are national forest, the application for selection must be accompanied by a statement of the Secretary of Agriculture or his delegate showing that he approves the selection.

(c) *Approval of selections outside of national forests.* Selection of lands outside of national forests will be approved by the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management if, all else being regular, he finds that approval of a selection of lands adjacent to an established community will further expansion of an established community, or if the lands are suitable for prospective community centers and recreational areas.

§ 2627.2 Grant for University of Alaska.

(a) *Statutory authority.* The act of January 21, 1929 (45 Stat. 1091), as supplemented July 7, 1958 (72 Stat. 339, 343; 48 U.S.C. 354a), grants to the State of Alaska, for the exclusive use and benefit of the University of Alaska, the unsatisfied portion of 100,000 acres of vacant, surveyed, unreserved public lands in said State, to be selected by the State, under the direction and subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and subject to the conditions and limitations expressed in the act.

(b) *Applications for selection.* (1) Applications to select lands under the grant made to Alaska by the act of January 21, 1929, will be made by the proper selecting agent of the State and will be filed in the land office of the district in which such selected lands are situated. Such selections must be made in accordance with the law and with the applicable regulations governing selection of lands by States as set forth in part 2620.

(2) Notice of selection and publication is required as provided by § 2627.5 (b) and (c).

(3) Each list of selections must contain a reference to the act under which the selections are made and must be accompanied by a certificate of the selecting agent showing the selections are made under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Alaska.

(4) The selections in any one list must not exceed 6,400 acres.

(5) Each list must be accompanied by a certification of the selecting agent stating that the acreage selected together with the cumulative acreage total of all prior sales for lists pending and finally approved for clear-listing or patenting does not exceed 100,000 acres.

(c) *Statement with application.* Every application for selection under the Act of January 21, 1929, must be accompanied by a duly corroborated statement making the following showing as to the lands sought to be selected.

(1) That no portion of the land is occupied for any purpose by the United States and that to the best of his knowledge and belief the land is unoccupied, unimproved, and unappropriated by any person claiming the same other than the applicant; and that at the date of the application no part of the land was claimed under the mining laws.

(2) That the land applied for does not extend more than 160 rods along the shore of any navigable water or that such restriction has been or should be waived. (See § 2094.2 of this chapter.)

(3) All facts relative to medicinal or hot springs or other waters upon the lands must be stated.

§ 2627.3 Grant for general purposes.

(a) *Statutory authority.* (1) The act of July 7, 1958 (72 Stat. 339–343), referred to in paragraph (a) to (d) of this section as "the act," grants to the State of Alaska the right to select, within 25 years from January 3, 1959, not to exceed 102,550,000 acres from the public lands

in Alaska which are vacant, unappropriated and unreserved at the time of selection. The act of September 14, 1960 (74 Stat. 1024), defines vacant unappropriated, unreserved public lands in Alaska to include the retained or reserved interest of the United States in lands which have been disposed of with a reservation to the United States of all minerals or any specified mineral or minerals.

(2) The act further provides that no selection shall be made in the area north and west of the line described in section 10 thereof (72 Stat. 345) without the approval of the President or his designated representative.

(b) *Lands subject to selection; patents; minerals.* (1) The act as amended August 18, 1959 (73 Stat. 395), provides that any lease, permit, license, or contract issued under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (41 Stat. 437; 30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.), as amended, or under the Alaska Coal Leasing Act of 1914 (38 Stat. 741; 30 U.S.C. 432 et seq.), as amended, referred to in this section as "the mineral leasing acts," shall have the effect of withdrawing the lands subject thereto from selection by the State.

(2) Under the act, the State may select any vacant, unappropriated, and unreserved public lands in Alaska, whether or not they are surveyed and whether or not they contain mineral deposits. For the purposes of selection, leases, permits, licenses, and contracts issued under the mineral leasing acts of 1914 and 1920 will be considered an appropriation of lands. Where the preference provisions of § 2627.4(a) do not apply, selections by the State of lands covered by an application filed prior to the State selection will be rejected to the extent of the conflict when and if such application is allowed. Conflicting applications and offers for mineral leases and permits, except for preference right applicants, filed pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act, whether filed prior to, simultaneously with, or after the filing of a selection under this part will be rejected when and if the selection is tentatively approved by the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section.

(3) Patents will be issued for all selections approved under the act by the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management but such patents will not issue unless or until the exterior boundaries of the selected area are officially surveyed.

(4) (i) Where the State selects all the lands in a mineral lease, permit, license, or contract, issued under the mineral leasing acts of 1914 and 1920, the patent issued under the act will convey to the State all mineral deposits in the selected lands. Any such patent shall vest in the State all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to any such lease, permit, license, or contract that remains outstanding on the effective date of the patent, including the right to all rentals, royalties, and other payments accruing after that date under such lease, permit, license, or contract, and including any authority that may have been retained by the United States to modify the terms and conditions of such lease, permit, license, or contract. Issuance of patent will not affect the continued validity of any such lease, permit, license, or contract or any rights arising thereunder.

(ii) Where the State selects a portion of the lands subject to a mineral lease, permit, license, or contract issued under the mineral leasing acts of 1914 and 1920, the patent issued under the act shall reserve to the United States the mineral or minerals subject to that lease, permit, license, or contract, together with such further rights as may be necessary to the full and complete enjoyment of all rights, privileges, and benefits under or with respect to that lease, permit, license, or contracts. Upon the termination of the lease, permit, license, or contract, title to minerals so reserved to the United States shall pass to the State.

(c) *Applications for selection.* (1) Applications for selection of lands under the act will be made by the proper selecting agent of the State and will be filed, in duplicate, in the land office of the district in which such selected lands are situated. No special form is required but it must be typewritten and must contain the following information:

(i) A reference to the act of July 7, 1958 (70 Stat. 709), as supplemented, and a statement that the selection, together with other selections under the act pending or approced, does not exceed 102,-550,000 acres (400,000 acres where one of the grants for community purposes is involved).

(ii) A certificate by the selecting agent showing:

(*a*) That the selection is made under and pursuant to the laws of the State.

(*b*) The acreage selected and the cumulative acreage of all prior selection lists pending and finally approved for clear-listing or patenting.

(*c*) His official title and his authority to make the selection on behalf of the State.

(*d*) That no portion of the selected land is occupied for any purpose by the United States and that to the best of his knowledge and belief the land is unoccupied, unimproved, and unappropriated by any person claiming the land other than the applicant, and that at the date of the application no part of the land claimed or occupied under the mining laws.

(*e*) That the selected land does not extend more than 160 rods along the shore of any navigable water or that such restriction has been waived or should be waived. (§ 2094.2 of this chapter.)

(*f*) All the facts relative to medicinal or hot springs or other waters upon the selected lands.

(iii) If the selected lands are surveyed, the legal description of the lands in accordance with official plats of survey.

(iv) If the selected lands are unsurveyed and are described by approved protraction diagrams of the rectangular system of surveys, such description is required.

(v) If the selected lands are unsurveyed and are not described by approved protraction diagrams, a description of the lands and a map or maps, in duplicate, sufficient to permit ready identification of the location, boundaries, and area of the lands.

(2) Selections must be accompanied by a filing fee of $10 for 5,760 acres or fraction thereof in the selection which fee is not returnable.

(3) All selections shall be made in reasonably compact tracts, taking into account the situation and potential uses of the lands involved. A tract will not be considered compact if it excludes other public lands available for selection within its exterior boundary. Each tract selected shall contain at least 5,760 acres unless isolated from other tracts open to selection.

(4) If the selected lands are in the area north and west of the line described in section 10 of the act, all selection made or confirmed by the act must be accompanied by a statement of the President or his designated representative showing that he approves the selection.

(5) Section 2627.3(a)(1) and (c)(1)(ii) do not apply to the extent that an application embraces a reserved or retained interest.

(d) *Effect of approval of selections.* Following the selection of lands by the State and the tentative approval of such selection by the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management, the State is authorized to execute conditional leases and to make conditional sales of such selected lands pending survey of the exterior boundaries of the selected area, if necessary, and issuance of patent. Said officer will notify the appropriate State official in writing of his tentative approval of a selection after determining that there is no bar to passing legal title to the lands to the State other than the need for the survey of the lands or for the issuance of patent or both.

§ 2627.4 All grants.

(a) *State preference right of selection: waivers.* (1) The act of July 7, 1958 (see § 2627.3(a), provide that upon the revocation of any order of withdrawal in Alaska, the order of revocation shall provide for a period of not less than 90 days before the date on which it otherwise becomes effective during which period the State of Alaska shall have a preferred right of selection under the acts of 1956 and 1958, except as against prior existing valid rights, equitable claims subject to allowance and confirmation and other preferred rights of application conferred by law.

(2) Where the proper selecting agent of the State files in writing in the appropriate land office a waiver of the preference provisions of paragraph (a) of this section in connection with the proposed revocation of an order of withdrawal, the order affecting such revocation will not provide for such preference.

(b) *Segregative effect of applications.* Lands desired by the State under the regulations of this part will be segregated from all appropriations based upon application or settlement and location, including locations under the mining laws, when the State files its application for selection in the appropriate land office properly describing the lands as provided in § 2627.3(c)(1) (iii), (iv), and (v). Such segregation will automatically terminate unless the State publishes first notice as provided by paragraph (c) of this section within 60 days of service of such notice by the appropriate officer of the Bureau of Land Management.

(c) *Publications and protests.* (1) The State will be required to publish once a week for five consecutive weeks in accordance with 1824.4 of this chapter, at its own expense, in a designated newspaper, and in a designated form, a notice allowing all persons claiming the land adversely to file in the appropriate office their objections to the issuance of patent or certification for lands selected under the regulations of this part. A protestant must serve on the State a copy of the objections and furnish evidence of service to the appropriate land office.

(2) The State must file a statement of the publisher, accompanied by a copy of the notice published, showing that publication has been had for the required time.

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REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO:

DISPOSITION; SALES

PUBLIC SALE R.S. 2455

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Subpart 2710—Public Sale—R.S. 2455: General

§ 2710.0–1 Purpose.

The regulations in this part implement R.S. 2455, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1171), which permits the sale of isolated tracts and tracts mountainous or too rough for cultivation.

§ 2710.0–2 Objectives.

The program of the Secretary of the Interior in the administration of section 2455 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1171), hereinafter referred to as the Act, is to take into consideration the criteria set out in Parts 2410, 2420, and 2430 and to order into market on an orderly basis lands subject to the Act which are more valuable or proper for non-Federal than Federal ownership.

§ 2710.0–3 Authority.

Section 2455 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1171) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to order into market and sell at public auction certain public domain as described in § 2710.0–8.

§ 2710.0–5 Definitions.

As used in the regulations of this part:

(a) The terms "public domain" and "public land" mean vacant, unappropriated, and unreserved public lands, or public lands withdrawn by E.O. 6910 of November 26, 1934, as amended, or E.O. 6964 of February 5, 1935, as amended, and not otherwise withdrawn or reserved, or public lands within grazing districts established under section 1 of the Act of June 28, 1934 (48 Stat. 1269), as amended, and not otherwise withdrawn or reserved.

(b) The terms "appraised value" and "appraised price" mean the amount of money specified as the minimum acceptable bid in the public notice ordering lands into market under the regulations of this part.

(c) The terms "contiguous lands" and "contiguous legal subdivisions" mean lands or legal subdivisions having a common boundary.

(d) The term "isolated or disconnected tract" means a tract of one or more contiguous legal subdivisions completely surrounded by lands held in non-Federal ownership or so effectively separated from other federally-owned lands by some permanent withdrawal or reservation as to make its use with such lands impracticable. A tract is considered isolated if the contiguous lands are all patented, even though there are other public lands cornering upon the tract. The term "cornering" refers to lands having a common survey corner but not a common boundary.

(e) The term "mineral in character" refers to lands where the mineral is ordinarily in sufficient quantity to add to their richness and to justify expenditures for its extraction. A "mineral" is a substance that (1) is recognized as mineral, according to its chemical composition, by the standard authorities on the subject or (2) is classified as mineral product in trade or commerce; or (3) possesses economic value for use in trade, manufacture, the sciences, or in the mechanical or ornamental arts. However, the word "mineral", for the purposes of the regulations of this part, does not include those that must be reserved to the United States pursuant to the regulations in §§ 2093.0–3 to 2093.4–3.

(f) The term "proper land office" means the land office of the Bureau of Land Management for the State or Land District in which the lands are situated (see § 1821.2–1 of this chapter).

(g) The word "person" includes but is not necessarily limited to individual, partnership, association or corporation.

(h) The word "bid" means a written or oral "offer to purchase."

§ 2710.0–8 Lands subject to sale.

(a) The Act authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to order into market and sell at public auction for not less than the appraised value any isolated or disconnected tract or parcel of the public domain not exceeding 1520 acres which, in his judgment, it would be proper to expose for sale.

(b) The Act also authorizes the Secretary in his discretion, upon application of any person who owns land or holds a valid entry adjoining such tract, to order into market and sell at public auction for not less than their appraised value any legal subdivision or contiguous legal subdivisions of public land not exceeding 760 acres, the greater part of each of which subdivisions is mountainous or too rough for cultivation.

(c) The Secretary of the Interior has full discretion to determine whether lands should be ordered into market under the regulations of this part. Factors that will be taken into consideration in making these determinations are described in Group 2400. Lands which are mineral in character will not be sold, but this is not to imply that lands which are not mineral in character, as defined in paragraph (e) of § 2710.0–5, will be sold regardless of whether they possess some mineral value, present or prospective.

Subpart 2711—Procedures Under R.S. 2455

§ 2711.1 Petition; application.

(a) Applications, together with petitions as required under Part 2450 (hereinafter called petition-applications), to have tracts ordered into market under the regulations of this part must be made on forms approved by the Director, properly executed and filed in the proper land office.

(b) Each petition-application must be accompanied by a nonrefundable application service charge of $25 and by an additional sum of $50 to defray the costs of publication. This $50 deposit will be returned to the applicant if the authorized officer declines to order lands into market, decides to reject all bids, or sells all the lands to persons other than the applicant. Where the authorized officer sells only part of the lands to the applicant and part to one or more other persons, he will return to the applicant such portion of the deposit as the officer deems equitable.

(c) The filing of a petition-application in conformity with the regulations in this part will not segregate the lands applied for from other petition-applications under the public land laws or defeat a prior valid right initiated under any such law. However, the publication of a notice pursuant to § 2711.2 placing lands into market will segregate such lands from all appropriations, including locations under the mining laws, and from other petitions and applications, effective on the date of the first publication of the notice.

§ 2711.2 Notice; publication, cost.

(a) When the authorized officer determines that lands shall be ordered into market under the regulations in this part, he will have a notice thereof published weekly for five consecutive weeks in an appropriate newspaper in accordance with § 1824.3 of this chapter.

(b) Where lands are sold pursuant to notice prescribed in paragraph (a) of this section, the purchaser or purchasers of the lands will be required to pay the cost of publication of the notice. Where more than one purchaser is involved in a transaction, the costs will be shared in such proportions as the authorized officer deems equitable.

§ 2711.3 Bidding: time; place; simultaneous bids.

(a) The time and place for submitting the bids will be specified in the public notice required by § 2711.2.

(b) Bids may be made by the principal or his agent, either personally or by mail.

(c) Bids sent by mail will be considered only if received at the place and prior to the hour fixed in the notice. These bids must be accompanied by certified checks, post office money orders, bank drafts, or cashier's checks made payable to the Bureau of Land Management for the amounts of the bids plus the cost of publication (see § 2711.2), less any amount previously deposited toward publication costs pursuant to section 2711.1 and must be enclosed in sealed envelopes which must be marked as prescribed in the notice. In the event that valid bids of the same amount are received through the mail from two or more persons, the first in time as shown by the time and date noted by the post office on the envelope will be considered the highest of those bids. If two or more envelopes containing valid bids of the same amount bear the same time and date stamp, they will be considered simultaneously filed. The determination of which is the highest of these bids will be by drawing.

§ 2711.4 Action at close of bidding.

(a) *High bidder.* The person who is declared by the authorized officer to be the high bidder shall be bound by his bid and the regulations in this part to complete the purchase in accordance therewith unless his bid is rejected or he is released therefrom by the authorized officer.

(b) *Preference rights.* (1) The owners of contiguous lands will have a period of 30 days, commencing on the day after the close of bidding and the announcement of the amount of the highest bid received, in which to offer to purchase the lands at the highest bid price, or at three times the appraised value, if three times such appraised value is less than the highest bid price. Failure of a preference-right applicant to submit to the authorized officer prior to the termination of the 30-day period an amount equal to his offer plus the cost of publication (see § 2711.2) will cause the preference right to be lost as to that particular public sale.

(2) Each preference-right applicant must, within the time specified by the authorized officer, or such extensions of time as he may grant, submit proof of ownership of the whole title to the contiguous lands, that is, he must show that he had the whole title in fee on the last day of the 30-day period. The authorized officer will specify that date. Such proof must consist of (i) a certificate of the local recorder of deeds.

or (ii) an abstract of title or a certificate of title prepared and certified by a title company or by an abstracting company, or by a duly qualified attorney authorized to practice in the State stating on the basis of an examination of title records that the applicant owned adjoining land in fee simple on the last day of the 30-day period. If the preference-right applicant does not own adjoining land at the close of the preference-right period, his preference-right claim will be lost. After a case has been closed, the data filed pursuant to this section may be returned by the authorized officer.

(3) Where two or more applicants apply to exercise the preference right provided for by the Act, to the same tract of land, they will be afforded an opportunity to agree among themselves upon a division of the lands. In the absence of an agreement, an equitable division of the land will be made, taking into consideration such factors as (i) the equalizing of the number of acres between the applicants, (ii) desirable land use, based on topography, land pattern, location of water, proper development of the lands, and similar factors, (iii) legitimate historical use, including construction and maintenance of authorized improvements, and (iv) extent of contiguity and duration of ownership of adjacent lands. If considerations dictate, all of the lands may be awarded to one of the applicants.

§ 2711.5 Action at close of preference period; acceptance of offer.

After the close of the preference period described in § 2711.4(b), the authorized officer will determine whether the lands will be sold. If he determines that they will be sold and if there are no qualified preference applicants or if there is only one qualified preference applicant, he will accept the bid of the highest bidder, in the first instance, or the offer of the preference applicant, in the second. If there are two or more preference applicants, he will give them the opportunity to agree as to the division of the lands (paragraph (b) of section 2711.4) and to amend their offers accordingly. If no agreement is reached, he will determine the division of the lands and give the applicants an opportunity to amend their offers accordingly.

§ 2711.6 Acceptance of offer.

The acceptance of an offer to purchase (bid) will be made by the issuance of a patent to the bidder. Until the patent is issued, the right is reserved to the authorized officer at any time to determine that the sale should not be held, that the lands should not be sold, or that any and all bids should be rejected. Generally, if the high bid is not less than the fair market value of the land on the date for receiving bids as specified in the public notice issued pursuant to § 2711.2(a), any appreciation or depreciation thereafter in value of the lands will not necessarily be a basis for a determination that the lands will not be sold. Sales will not be consummated, in the discretion of the authorized officer, when, for example:

(a) Circumstances reveal that the highest bid otherwise acceptable is less than the fair market value of the land on the date of the sale set in the public notice thereof, or

(b) An appropriate public requirement for the lands is identified subsequent to the public notice, or

(c) Collusive or other activities have hindered or restrained free and open bidding.

§ 2711.7 Rights of applicants and bidders.

The petitioner-applicant or any bidder has no contractual or other rights as against the United States, and no action taken will create any contractual or other obligations of the United States until the patent is issued. Issuance of the patent, however, will not preclude the Secretary of the Interior from vacating the sale in whole or in part because of fraud not disclosed at the time of issuance of the final certificate or because of lack of knowledge of facts or conditions existing at that time which, if known prior to issuance of the final certificate, would have been grounds for refusing to consummate the sale (see section 2711.6).

§ 2711.8 Compensation for authorized improvements.

Under the regulations in this chapter relating to grazing, no lands embraced in a grazing lease, license or permit may be sold unless and until the prospective purchaser has made provision for compensation for any grazing improvements placed on the lands.

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Group 3800—Mining Claims Under the General Mining Laws

PART 3810—LANDS AND MINERALS SUBJECT TO LOCATION

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Subpart 3811—Lands Subject to Location and Purchase

§ 3811.1 Lands; general.

Vacant public surveyed or unsurveyed lands are open to prospecting, and upon discovery of mineral, to location and purchase. The act of June 4, 1897 (30 Stat. 36), provides that "any mineral lands in any forest reservation which have been or which may be shown to be such, and subject to entry under the existing mining laws of the United States and the rules and regulations applying thereto, shall continue to be subject to such location and entry," notwithstanding the reservation. This makes mineral lands in the forest reserves in the public land states, subject to location and entry under the general mining laws in the usual manner. Lands entered or patented under the stockraising homestead law (title to minerals and the use of the surface necessary for mining purposes can be acquired), lands entered under other agricultural laws but not perfected, where prospecting can be done peaceably are open to location.

§ 3811.2 Lands; specific.

§ 3811.2–1 States where locations may be made.

(a) Mining locations may be made in the States of Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

(b) The laws of the United States relating to mining claims were extended to Alaska by section 8 of the act of May 17, 1884 (23 Stat. 26), and sections 15, 16, and 26 of the act of June 6, 1900 (31 Stat. 327, 329; 48 U.S.C. 119, 120, 381–383) again, in terms, extended the mining laws of the United States and all right incident thereto, to the State, with certain further provisions with respect to the acquisition of claims thereunder.

(c) The law in respect to placer claims in Alaska was modified and amended by the act of August 1, 1912 (37 Stat. 242) and section 4 of that act was amended by the act of March 3, 1925 (43 Stat. 1118).

(d) By the act of May 4, 1934 (43 Stat. 663; 48 U.S.C. 381a) the acts of August 1, 1912, and March 3, 1925, were repealed and the general mining laws of the United States applicable to placer mining claims were declared to be in full force and effect in the State.

§ 3811.2–2 Lands in national parks and national monuments.

Lands in national parks and national monuments are not subject to mining location, except where specifically authorized by law.

(a) The mining laws were extended to the Death Valley National Monument, Calif., by the Act of June 13, 1933 (48 Stat. 139; 16 U.S.C. 447). The Act provides that surface use of locations, entries, or patents is subject to general regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior. The regulations governing surface use in Death Valley National Monument are in 36 CFR 7.26.

(b) Mining locations may be made on lands in the Mount McKinley National Park, under the provisions of the act of February 26, 1917 (39 Stat. 938; 16 U.S.C. 347–354) which expressly provides that the United States mining laws shall be applicable to mineral lands in that area. See § 3826.1.

(c) Regulations relative to mining in the Glacier Bay National Monument are contained in § 3826.4 of this chapter.

(d) Mining locations in the Olympic National Park, Washington, made prior to June 29, 1943, are governed by § 3826.2 of this chapter.

(e) Mining locations in the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument may be made pursuant to § 3826.5 of this chapter.

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§ 3811.2–3 Lands in Indian reservations.

Lands in Indian reservations are not subject to the United States mining laws, except in the Papago Indian Reservation from June 18, 1934 to May 27, 1955. See § 3825 of this chapter.

§ 3811.2–4 Lands in national forests.

For mining claims in national forests, see subpart § 3811.1.

§ 3811.2–5 O and C and Coos Bay Wagon Road lands.

Revested Oregon and California Railroad and Reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road Grant Lands, located in Oregon, are subject to mining locations in accordance with provisions of Subpart 3821 of this chapter.

§ 3811.2–6 Lands in powersite withdrawals.

Mining claims may be located on power site withdrawals subject to the provisions of Subpart 3720 of this chapter.

§ 3811.2–7 Fissionable source material on coal lands.

Mining claims for fissionable source materials may be located on lands known to be valuable for coal under certain conditions. See Subpart 3720 of this chapter.

§ 3811.2–8 Lands under Alaska Public Sale Act.

(i) Lands segregated for classification or sold under the Alaska Public Sale Act of August 30, 1949 (63 Stat. 679; 48 U.S.C. 364a–364e), are subject to mineral appropriation under the provision of section 3 of that act for the development of the reserved minerals under applicable laws, including the United States mining laws, and subject to the rules and regulations of the Secretary of the Interior necessary to provide protection and compensation for damages from mining activities to the surface and improvements thereon. See Subpart 2770 and 3922 of this chapter.

§ 3811.2–9 Lands under Color of Title Act.

Lands patented under the Color of Title Act (43 U.S.C. 1068), by exchange under the Taylor Grazing Act (43 U.S.C. 415g) and by Forest Exchanges (16 U.S.C. 485) with mineral reservation to the United States, are subject to appropriation under the mining or mineral leasing laws for the reserved materials. See Group 2200 and subpart 2540 of this chapter. Minerals in acquired lands of the United States are not subject to mining location but the minerals therein may be acquired in accordance with the regulations contained in Subpart 3500.

Subpart 3812—Minerals Under the Mining Laws

§ 3812.1 Minerals subject to location.

Whatever is recognized as a mineral by the standard authorities, whether metallic or other substance, when found in public lands in quantity and quality sufficient to render the lands valuable on account thereof, is treated as coming within the purview of the mining laws. Deposits of oil, gas, coal, potassium, sodium, phosphate, oil shale, native asphalt, solid and semisolid bitumen, and bituminous rock including oil-impregnated rock or sands from which oil is recoverable only by special treatment after the deposit is mined or quarried, the deposits of sulphur in Louisiana and New Mexico belonging to the United States can be acquired under the mineral leasing laws (see § 3100.0–3(a)(1)), and are not subject to location and purchase under the United States mining laws. The so-called "common variety" mineral materials and petrified wood on the public lands may be acquired under the Materials Act, as amended (see Part 3600).

Subpart 3813—Disposal of Reserved Minerals Under the Act of July 17, 1914

§ 3813.0–3 Authority.

The Act of July 20, 1956 (70 Stat. 592), which amended the act of July 17, 1914 (38 Stat. 509; 30 U.S.C. sec. 122), was enacted to permit the disposal of certain reserved mineral deposits under the mining laws of the United States.

§ 3813.1 Minerals reserved by the Act of July 17, 1914, subject to mineral location, entry and patenting.

The act of July 17, 1914 (38 Stat. 509; 30 U.S.C. sec. 122), as amended by the act of July 20, 1956 (70 Stat. 592), provides in part as follows:

* * * such deposits to be subject to disposal by the United States only as shall be hereafter expressly directed by law: *Provided, however,* That all mineral deposits heretofore or hereafter reserved to the United States under this Act which are subject, at the time of application for patent to valid and subsisting rights acquired by discovery and location under the mining laws of the United States made prior to the date of the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437), shall hereafter be subject to disposal to the holders of those valid and subsisting rights by patent under the mining laws of the United States in force at the time of such disposal. Any person qualified to acquire the reserved deposits may enter upon said lands with a view of prospecting

for the same upon the approval of the Secretary of the Interior of a bond or undertaking to be filed with him as security for the payment of all damages of the crops and improvements on such lands by reason of such prospecting, the measure of any such damage to be fixed by agreement of parties or by a court of competent jurisdiction. Any person who has acquired from the United States the title to or the right to mine and remove the reserved deposits, should the United States dispose of the mineral deposits in lands, may re-enter and occupy so much of the surface thereof as may be required for all purposes reasonably incident to the mining and removel of the minerals therefrom; and mine and remove such minerals, upon payment of damages caused thereby to the owner of the land, or upon giving a good and sufficient bond or undertaking therefor in an action instituted in any competent court to ascertain and fix said damages:

§ 3813.2 Minerals subject to disposition.

The Act of July 20, 1956, applies only to any mineral deposit discovered and located under the U.S. mining laws prior to February 25, 1920, and reserved to the United States under the Act of July 17, 1914 (38 Stat. 509; 30 U.S.C. 122), and which, at the time of application for mineral patent, is subject to valid and subsisting rights under the said mining laws. Only that mineral deposit together with the right to use the surface to prospect for, mine, and remove the said deposit shall, on or after July 20, 1956, be subject to disposal to the holders of such valid and subsisting rights by patent under the mining laws in force at the time of such disposal. "Oil" reserved under the Act of 1914 has been held to include oil shale. See 52 L.D. 329.

§ 3813.3 Provisions of the mineral patent.

(a) Each patent issued under the Act of July 20, 1956, shall specifically name the discovered mineral deposit which had been reserved to the United States under the Act of July 17, 1914, and shall recite that, in accordance with the reservation in the land patent, the mineral patentee and its successors (or his heirs and assigns, if a person) shall have the right to prospect for, mine and remove the mineral deposit for which the patent is issued.

(b) If, when it is determined that mineral deposit is subject to patenting under the mining laws pursuant to the Act of July 20, 1956, there is a subsisting mineral lease or permit covering such deposit, the mineral patent shall be issued subject to the mineral lease or permit for so long as rights under the lease or permit shall exist, the patentee being substituted for the United States as lessor or permittor and the patentee being entitled to all revenues derived subsequent to the issuance of patent from any such lease or permit.

Subpart 3814—Disposal of Reserved Minerals Under the Stockraising Homestead Act

§ 3814.1 Mineral reservation in entry and patent; mining and removal of reserved deposits; bonds.

(a) Section 9 of the Act of December 29, 1916 (39 Stat. 864; 43 U.S.C. 299), provides that all entries made and patents issued under its provisions shall contain a reservation to the United States of all coal and other minerals in the lands so entered and patented, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same; also that the coal and other mineral deposits in such lands shall be subject to disposal by the United States in accordance with the provisions of the coal and mineral land laws in force at the time of such disposal.

(b) Said section 9 also provides that any person qualified to locate and enter the coal or other mineral deposits, or having the right to mine and remove the same under the laws of the United States, shall have the right at all times to enter upon the lands entered or patented under the act, for the purpose of prospecting for the coal or other mineral therein, provided he shall not injure, damage, or destroy the permanent improvements of the entryman or patentee and shall be liable to and shall compensate the entryman or patentee for all damages to the crops on the land by reason of such prospecting.

(c) It is further provided in said section 9 that any person who has acquired from the United States the coal or other mineral deposits in any such land or the right to mine and remove the same, may reenter and occupy so much of the surface thereof as may be required for all purposes reasonably incident to the mining or removal of the coal, or other minerals, first, upon securing the written consent or waiver of the homestead entryman or patentee; or, second, upon payment of the damages to crops or other tangible improvements to the owner thereof under agreement; or, third, in lieu of either of the foregoing provisions, upon the execution of a good and sufficient bond or undertaking to the United States for the use and benefit of the entryman or owner of the land, to secure payment of such damages to the crops or tangible improvements of the entryman or owner as may be determined and fixed in an action brought upon the bond or undertaking in a court of competent jurisdiction against the principal and sureties thereon. This bond on Form 3400–1 must be executed by the person who has acquired from the United States the coal or other mineral deposits reserved, as directed in said section 9, as principal, with two competent individual sureties, or a bonding company which has complied with the requirements of the act of August 13, 1894 (28 Stat. 279; 6 U.S.C. 6–13), as amended by the act of March 23, 1910 (36 Stat. 241; 6 U.S.C. 8, 9), and must be in the sum of not less than $1,000. Qualified corporate sureties are preferred and may be accepted as sole surety. Except in the case of a bond given by a qualified corporate surety there must be filed therewith affidavits of justification by the sureties and a certificate by a judge or clerk of a court of record, a United States district attorney, a United States commissioner, or a United States postmaster as to the identity, signatures, and financial competency of the sureties. Said bond, with

accompanying papers, must be filed with the manager of the land office of the district wherein the land is situate, and there must also be filed with such bond evidence of service of a copy of the bond upon the homestead entryman or owner of the land.

(d) If at the expiration of 30 days after the receipt of the aforesaid copy of the bond by the entryman or owner of the land, no objections are made by such entryman or owner of the land and filed with the manager against the approval of the bond by them, he may, if all else be regular, approve said bond. If, however, after receipt by the homestead entryman or owner of the lands of copy of the bond, such homestead entryman or owner of the land timely objects to the approval of the bond by said manager, the said officer will immediately give consideration to said bond, accompanying papers, and objections filed as aforesaid to the approval of the bond, and if, in consequence of such consideration he shall find and conclude that the proffered bond ought not to be approved, he will render decision accordingly and give due notice thereof to the person proffering the bond, at the same time advising such person of his right of appeal to the Director of the Bureau of Land Management from the action in disapproving the bond so filed and proffered. If, however, the manager, after full and complete examination and consideration of all the papers filed, is of the opinion that the proffered bond is a good and sufficient one and that the objections interposed as provided herein against the approval thereof do not set forth sufficient reasons to justify him in refusing to approve said proffered bond, he will, in writing, duly notify the homestead entryman or owner of the land of his decision in this regard and allow such homestead entryman or owner of the land 30 days in which to appeal to the Director of the Bureau of Land Management. If appeal from the adverse decision of the manager be not timely filed by the person proffering the bond, the manager will indorse upon the bond "disapproved" and other appropriate notations, and close the case. If, on the other hand, the homestead entryman or owner of the lands fails to timely appeal from the decision of the manager adverse to the contentions of said homestead entryman or owners of the lands, said manager may, if all else be regular, approve the bond.

(e) The coal and other mineral deposits in the lands entered or patented under the act of December 29, 1916, will become subject to existing laws, as to purchase or lease, at any time after allowance of the homestead entry unless the lands or the coal or other mineral deposits are, at the time of said allowance, withdrawn or reserved from disposition.

§ 3814.2 Mineral reservation in patent; conditions to be noted on mineral applications.

(a) There will be incorporated in patents issued on homestead entries under this act the following:

Excepting and reserving, however, to the United States all the coal and other minerals in the lands so entered and patented, and to it, or persons authorized by it, the right to prospect for, mine, and remove all the coal and other minerals from the same upon compliance with the conditions, and subject to the provisions and limitations, of the act of December 29, 1916 (39 Stat. 862).

(b) Mineral applications for the reserved deposits disposable under the act must bear on the face of the same, before being signed by the declarant or applicant and presented to the manager, the following notation:

Patents shall contain appropriate notations declaring same subject to the provisions of the act of December 29, 1916 (39 Stat. 862), with reference to disposition, occupancy, and use of the land as permitted to an entryman under said act.

Subpart 3815—Mineral Locations in Stock Driveway Withdrawals

§ 3815.1 Mineral locations.

Under authority of the provisions of the act of January 29, 1929 (45 Stat. 1144; 43 U.S.C. 300), the rules, regulations, and restrictions in this section are prescribed for prospecting for minerals of the kinds subject to the United States mining laws, and the locating of mining claims upon discovery of such minerals, in lands within stock driveway withdrawals made before or after May 4, 1929.

§ 3815.2 Prospecting and mining.

All prospecting and mining operations shall be conducted in such manner as to cause no interference with the use of the surface of the land for stock driveway purposes, except such as may actually be necessary.

§ 3815.3 Surface limitation.

While a mining location will be made in accordance with the usual procedure for locating mining claims, and will describe a tract of land, having due regard to the limitations of area fixed by the mining laws, the locator will be limited under his location to the right to the minerals discovered in the land and to mine and remove the same, and to occupy so much of the surface of the claim as may be required for all purposes reasonably incident to the mining and removal of the minerals.

§ 3815.4 Protection of stock.

All excavations and other mining work and improvements made in prospecting and mining operations shall be fenced or otherwise protected to prevent the same from being a menace to stock on the land.

§ 3815.5 Access to stock watering places.

No watering places shall be inclosed, nor proper and lawful access of stock thereto prevented, nor the watering of stock thereat interfered with.

§ 3815.6 Locations subject to mining laws.

Prospecting for minerals and the location of mining claims on lands in such withdrawals shall be subject to the provisions and conditions of the mining laws and the regulations thereunder.

§ 3815.7 Mining claims subject to stock driveway withdrawals.

Mining claims on lands within stock driveway withdrawals, located prior to May 4, 1929, and subsequent to the date of the withdrawal, may be held and perfected subject to the provisions and regulations in this section.

§ 3815.8 Notation required in application for patent; conditions required in patent.

(a) Every application for patent for any minerals located subject to this act must bear on its face, before being executed by the applicant and presented for filing, the following notation:

> Subject to the provisions of section 10 of the act of December 29, 1916 (39 Stat. 862), as amended by the act of January 29, 1929 (45 Stat. 1144).

Like notation will be made by the manager on the final certificates issued on such a mineral application.

(b) Patents issued on such applications will contain the added condition:

> That this patent is issued subject to the provisions of the act of December 29, 1916 (39 Stat. 862), as amended by the act of January 29, 1929 (45 Stat. 1144), with reference to the disposition, occupancy and use of the land as permitted to an entryman under said act.

Subpart 3816—Mineral Locations in Reclamation Withdrawals

§ 3816.1 Mineral locations.

The act of April 23, 1932 (47 Stat. 136; 43 U.S.C. 154), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior in his discretion to open to location, entry and patent under the general mining laws with reservation of rights, ways and easements, public lands of the United States which are known or believed to contain valuable deposits of minerals and which are withdrawn from development and acquisition because they are included within the limits of withdrawals made pursuant to section 3 of the reclamation act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388; 43 U.S.C. 416).

§ 3816.2 Application to open lands to location.

Application to open lands to location under the act may be filed by a person, association or corporation qualified to locate and purchase claims under the general mining laws. The application must be executed in duplicate and filed in the land office of the district in which the lands are situated, must describe the land the applicant desires to locate, by legal subdivision if surveyed, or by metes and bounds if unsurveyed, and must set out the facts upon which is based the knowledge or belief that the lands contain valuable mineral deposits, giving such detail as the applicant may be able to furnish as to the nature of the formation, kind and character of the mineral deposits. Each application shall be accompanied by a $10 nonrefundable service charge.

§ 3816.3 Recommendations of Bureau of Reclamation to open lands.

When the application is received in the Bureau of Land Management, if found satisfactory, the duplicate will be transmitted to the Bureau of Reclamation with request for report and recommendation. In case the Bureau of Reclamation makes an adverse report on the application, it will be rejected subject to right of appeal.

§ 3816.4 Recommendations as to reservations and contract form.

If in the opinion of the Bureau of Reclamation the lands may be opened under the act without prejudice to the rights of the United States, the report will recommend the reservation of such ways, rights and easements considered necessary or appropriate, and/or the form of contract to be executed by the intending locator or entryman as a condition precedent to the vesting of any rights in him, which may be necessary for the protection of the irrigation interests.

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Subpart 3821—O and C Lands

§ 3821.1 General provisions.

(a) The act of April 8, 1948 (62 Stat. 162) reopens the revested Oregon and California Railroad and Reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road Grant Lands (hereinafter referred to in this section as the O. and C. lands) in Oregon, except power sites, to exploration, location, entry, and disposition under the United States Mining Laws. The act also validates mineral claims, if otherwise valid, located on the O. and C. lands during the period from August 28, 1937 to April 8, 1948.

(b) The procedure in the locating of mining claims, performance of annual labor, and the prosecution of mineral patent proceedings in connection with O. and C. lands is the same as provided by the United States Mining Laws and the general regulations in this part, and is also subject to the additional conditions and requirements hereinafter set forth.

§ 3821.2 Requirements for filing notices of locations of claims; descriptions.

(a) Where prior to April 8, 1948, a mining claim has been located upon O. and C. lands, the owner thereof must file for record, not later than October 5, 1948, in the land office of the land district in which the claim is situated, a copy of the notice of location of the claim. With respect to all mining claims located on O. and C. lands on or after April 8, 1948, the owner thereof must file for record, within 60 days of the date of such mining location, in the appropriate land office, a copy of the notice of location of the claim.

(b) If the location affects surveyed lands and the copy of location notice does not describe those legal subdivisions, section, township and range partly or wholly covered by the mining claim, the copy must be accompanied by a statement of the owner of the claim describing the legal subdivisions affected.

(c) If the location affects unsurveyed lands and the copy of location notice does not show the land described therein connected by course and distance to the nearest corner of the public land surveys and does not give the probable legal subdivisions affected if the lands were surveyed, the copy must be accompanied by a statement of the owner of the claim giving that information or satisfactory reasons for not doing so.

(d) The name and address of each owner of the claim should be furnished with the other data required by this section.

§ 3821.3 Requirement for filing statements of assessment work.

The owner of any unpatented mining claim located upon O. and C. lands must also file for record in the land office in the district in which the claim is situated, within 60 days after the expiration of any

annual assessment year, a statement as to the assessment work done or improvements made during the previous assessment year, or, as to compliance in lieu thereof, with any applicable relief act.

§ 3821.4 Restriction on use of timber; application for such use.

The owner of any unpatented mining claim located upon O. and C. lands on or after August 28, 1937, shall not acquire title, possessory or otherwise, to the timber, now or hereafter growing upon such claim. Such timber may be managed and disposed of under existing law or as may be provided by subsequent law. The owner of such unpatented mining claim, until such time as the timber is otherwise disposed of by the United States, if he wishes to cut and use so much of the timber upon his claim as may be necessary in the development and operation of his mine, shall file a written application with the district forester for permission to do so. The application shall set forth the estimated quantity and kind of timber desired and the use to which it will be put. The applicant shall not cut any of the timber prior to the approval of the application therefor.

§ 3821.5 Applications for final certificates and patents.

Applications for patents and final certificates in connection with mining claims located upon O. and C. lands on or after August 28, 1937 must be noted "Mining claims on O. and C. lands, under the act of April 8, 1948." All patents issued on such claims located on or after August 28, 1937, shall contain an appropriate reference to the act of April 8, 1948, and shall indicate that the patent is issued subject to the conditions and limitations of the act.

Subpart 3822—Lands Patented Under the Alaska Public Sale Act

§ 3822.1 Subject to mining location.

Lands segregated for classification or sold under the Alaska Public Sale Act of August 30, 1949 (63 Stat. 679, 48 U.S.C. 364a–364e) are subject to mining location, under the provision of section 3 of that act for the development of the reserved minerals under applicable law, including the United States mining laws, and subject to the rules and regulations of the Secretary of the Interior necessary to provide protection and compensation for damages from mining activities to the surface and improvements thereon. Such mining locations are subject to the applicable general regulations in Group 3800 and to the additional conditions and requirements in § 2771.6–2 of this chapter.

§ 3822.2 Compensation to surface rights holder.

Any party who obtains the right, whether by license, permit, lease, or location, to prospect for, mine, or remove the minerals after the land shall have been segregated or disposed of under the act, will be required to compensate the holder of the surface rights for any damages that may be caused to the value of the land and to the tangible improvements thereon by such mining operations or prospecting, and may be required by an authorized officer, as to mining claims, or by the terms of the mineral license, permit or lease, to post a surety bond not to exceed $20,000 in amount to protect the surface owner against such damage, prior to the commencement of mining operations.

Subpart 3823—Prospecting, Mineral Locations, and Mineral Patents Within National Forest Wilderness

§ 3823.0–3 Purpose.

This subpart sets forth procedures to be followed by persons wishing to prospect on lands within National Forest Wilderness, and special provisions pertaining to mineral locations and mineral patents within National Forest Wilderness.

§ 3823.0–5 Definition.

As used in this subpart the term "National Forest Wilderness" means an area or part of an area of National Forest lands designated by the Wilderness Act as a wilderness area within the National Wilderness Preservation System.

§ 3823.1 Prospecting within National Forest Wilderness for the purpose of gathering information about mineral resources.

(a) The provisions of the Wilderness Act do not prevent any activity, including prospecting, within National Forest Wilderness for the purpose of gathering information about mineral or other resources if such activity is conducted in a manner compatible with the preservation of the wilderness environment. While information gathered by prospecting concerning mineral resources within National Forest Wilderness may be utilized in connection with the location of valuable mineral deposits which may be discovered through such activity and which may be open to such location, attention is directed to the fact that no claim may be located after midnight, December 31, 1983, and no valid discovery may be made after that time on any location purportedly made before that time.

(b) All persons wishing to carry on any activity, including prospecting, for the purpose of gathering information about mineral or other resources on lands within National Forest Wilderness should make inquiry of the officer in charge of the National Forest in which the lands are located concerning the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture governing surface use of the lands for such activity.

§ 3823.2 Mineral locations within National Forest Wilderness.

(a) Until midnight, December 31, 1983, the mining laws of the United States and the regulations of this chapter pertaining thereto, including any amendments

thereto effective during such period, shall to the same extent as applicable before September 3, 1964, extend to National Forest Wilderness, subject to the provisions of such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture pursuant to section 4(d)(3) of the Wilderness Act.

(b) All mineral locations established after September 3, 1964, and lying within the National Forest Wilderness, shall be held and used solely for mining or processing operations and uses incident thereto, and such locations shall carry with them no rights in excess of those rights which may be patented under the provisions of § 3823.3 of this chapter.

(c) All persons wishing to carry on any activity under the mining laws on lands within National Forest Wilderness, on or after September 3, 1964, should make inquiry of the officer in charge of the National Forest in which the lands are located concerning the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture governing activities to be performed thereon in connection with the locations of mining claims.

§ 3823.3 Mineral patents within National Forest Wilderness.

(a) Each patent issued under the U.S. mining laws for mineral locations established after September 3, 1964, or validated by discovery of minerals occurring after September 3, 1964, and lying within National Forest Wilderness shall, in accordance with the provisions of section 4(d)(3) of the Wilderness Act:

(1) Convey title to the mineral deposits within the patented lands, together with the right to cut and use so much of the mature timber therefrom as may be needed in the extraction, removal, and beneficiation of the mineral deposits, if needed timber is not otherwise reasonably available, and if the timber is cut under sound principles of forest management as defined by the National Forest rules and regulations;

(2) Reserve to the United States all title in or to the surface of the lands and products thereof; and

(3) Provide that no use of the surface of the patented lands or the resources therefrom not reasonably required for carrying on mining or prospecting shall be allowed except as expressly provided in the Wilderness Act.

(b) Each patent to which the provisions of this section are applicable shall contain the express condition that the use of the patented lands shall be subject to regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture as referred to in § 3823.2 of this subpart and that the patented lands shall be held open for reasonable inspection by authorized officers of the U.S. Government for the purpose of observing compliance with the provisions thereof.

§ 3823.4 Withdrawal from operation of the mining laws.

Effective at midnight, December 31, 1983, subject to valid rights then existing, the minerals in lands within National Forest Wilderness are withdrawn from the operation of the mining laws by virtue of the provisions of section 4(d)(3) of the Wilderness Act.

Subpart 3824—City of Prescott, Arizona, Watershed

§ 3824.1 Mining locations.

(a) The act of January 19, 1933 (47 Stat. 771; 16 U.S.C. 482a) applies to approximately 3,600 acres in the city of Prescott municipal watershed, within the Prescott National Forest, Arizona. Rights acquired under mining locations made after the date of the act on any of the described lands are limited to the right to occupy and use so much of the surface of the land covered by the location as is reasonably necessary to carry on prospecting and mining, including the taking of mineral deposits and timber required by or in the mining operations; and patents for such locations shall convey title to the mineral deposits and a limited right to cut and remove timber for mining purposes, such patent to reserve to the United States all title in or to the surface of the lands and products thereof.

(b) The manager will note on the face of all applications for patent for mining claims embracing any of the described lands that the same are subject to the conditions, provisions, limitations, and reservations of the act except applications for claims located prior to the date of the act and as to which the applicants expressly request patent under the provisions of the general mining laws. Patents issued subject to the act will contain appropriate conditions with respect to cutting of timber and reservation of surface in the United States.

(c) Under section 3 of the act (47 Stat. 771; 16 U.S.C. 482a), valid claims existing at the date of the act and thereafter maintained may be perfected under this act or under the law under which they were initiated, as the claimant may desire. Such claimant may, therefore, continue the development of his claim under the provisions of the act and secure patent for the mineral deposits only under its provisions, or he may continue to hold under the general mining laws and secure patent which will convey to him the surface as well as the minerals in the claim.

Subpart 3825—Papago Indian Reservation, Arizona

§ 3825.0–3 Authority.

(a) The act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat 984; 25 U.S.C. 461–479), as amended by

the act of August 28, 1937 (50 Stat. 862; 25 U.S.C. 463), revokes departmental order of October 28, 1932, which temporarily withdrew from all forms of mineral entry or claim the lands within the Papago Indian Reservation and restores, as of June 18, 1934, such lands to exploration, location and purchase under the existing mining laws of the United States.

(b) The regulations in this part apply to entries made prior to May 27, 1955. By virtue of the act of May 27, 1955 (69 Stat. 67; 25 U.S.C. 463) mineral entries may no longer be made within the Papago Indian Reservation.

§ 3825.1 Mining locations in Papago Indian Reservation in Arizona.

(a) The procedure in the location of mining claims, performance of annual labor and the prosecution of patent proceedings therefor shall be the same as provided by the United States mining laws and regulations thereunder, with the additional requirements prescribed in this section.

(b) In addition to complying with the existing laws and regulations governing the recording of mining locations with the proper local recording officer, the locator of a mining claim within the Papago Indian Reservation shall furnish to the superintendent or other officer in charge of the reservation, within 90 days of such location, a copy of the location notice, together with a sum amounting to 5 cents for each acre and 5 cents for each fractional part of an acre embraced in the location for deposit with the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the Papago Tribe as yearly rental. Failure to make the required annual rental payment in advance each year until an application for patent has been filed for the claim shall be deemed sufficient grounds for invalidating the claim. The payment of annual rental must be made to the superintendent or other officer in charge of the reservation each year on or prior to the anniversary date of the mining location.

(c) Where a mining claim is located within the reservation, the locator shall pay to the superintendent or other officer in charge of the reservation damages for the loss of any improvements on the land in such a sum as may be determined by the Secretary of the Interior to be a fair and reasonable value of such improvements, for the credit of the owner thereof. The value of such improvements may be fixed by the Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and payment in accordance with such determination shall be made within 1 year from date thereof.

(d) At the time of filing with the manager an application for mineral patent for lands within the Papago Indian Reservation the applicant shall furnish, in addition to the showing required under the general mining laws, a statement from the superintendent or other officer in charge of the reservation, that he has deposited with the proper official in charge of the reservation for deposit in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the Papago Tribe a sum equal to $1 for each acre and $1 for each fractional part of an acre embraced in the application for patent in lieu of annual rental, together with a statement from the superintendent or other officer in charge of the reservation that the annual rentals have been paid each year and that damages for loss of improvements, if any, have been paid.

(e) The act provides that in case patent is not acquired the sum deposited in lieu of annual rentals shall be refunded. Where patent is not acquired, such sums due as annual rentals but not paid during the period of patent application shall be deducted from the sum deposited in lieu of annual rental. Applications for refund shall be filed in the office of the manager and should follow the general procedure in applications for repayment.

(f) Water reservoirs, charcos, water holes, springs, wells, or any other form of water development by the United States or the Papago Indians shall not be used for mining purposes under the terms of the said act of August 28, 1937, except under permit from the Secretary of the Interior approved by the Papago Indian Council.

(g) A mining location may not be located on any portion of a 10 acre legal subdivision containing water reservoirs, charcos, water holes, springs, wells or any other form of water development by the United States or the Papago Indians except under a permit from the Secretary of the Interior approved by the Papago Indian Council which permit shall contain such stipulations, restrictions, and limitations regarding the use of the land for mining purposes as may be deemed necessary and proper to permit the free use of the water thereon by the United States or the Papago Indians.

(h) The term "locator" wherever used in this section shall include and mean his successors, assigns, grantees, heirs, and all others claiming under or through him.

Subpart 3826—National Park Service Areas

§ 3826.1 Mount McKinley National Park, Alaska.

§ 3826.1–1 Registration of prospectors and miners.

Before entering the Park for the purpose of prospecting or locating any mining claim under the public land mining laws on lands therein, or prior to engaging in exploration or mining on any mining claim theretofore located, all prospectors and miners shall register with the Superintendent, furnishing the information required on the registration form hereinafter set forth.

(a) *Registration form.* The aforesaid registration form shall be substantially as follows:

Form No. _____
(_____, _____)

REGISTRATION OF PROSPECTORS AND MINERS

UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Mount McKinley National Park

Pursuant to the regulations of the Secretary of the Interior (36 CFR 7.44) governing the surface use of mineral claims located within the boundaries of the Mount McKinley National Park, Alaska, and to provide for the proper registration of prospectors and miners on lands within said Park, the following information is furnished:

1. Name and address of registrant: _____
_____
_____

NOTE: If registrant is an agent, this fact should be indicated and the name and address of his principal should be furnished in addition to registrant's name and address. If registrant is in charge of a party, then only the chief of the party need register; however, the names and addresses of all members of the party must be listed herein, or on a separate sheet of paper attached hereto.

2. Is registrant a citizen of the United States? _____. If registering for a party in which he is in direct charge, is each member of the party a citizen of the United States? _____. If registrant is an agent, is the principal a citizen of the United States? _____.

3. If this registration is for the purpose of prospecting for minerals prior to the location of a mining claim, state the general area to be covered. _____
_____

4. If this registration is for the purpose of further prospecting, development, or mining on a mining claim heretofore located, describe the exact location of such claim or claims, furnishing evidence of filing. ____
_____

5. Type of mineral to be prospected for or mined. _____

6. Equipment to be used. _____

7. Date prospecting or mining will commence _____ and expected cessation of operations and departure from the Park. _____

The foregoing registration is made this _____ day of _____, 19____, with the understanding that it is good for one year only from the date hereof and must be renewed if activities are to be carried on within the Park after the said expiration date. A copy of this registration, duly accepted and recorded, shall be retained by the registrant at all times as evidence of his compliance with the said regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

_____
(Signature of registrant)

Accepted and recorded:

_____
Superintendent,
Mount McKinley National Park

§ 3826.1–2 Surface use of mineral land locations.

(a) (1) The surface use of mining claims shall be restricted to purposes of mineral exploration and development unless other uses of the surface are authorized, in writing, by the Regional Director.

(b) Prospectors and miners may open or construct roads or vehicle trails after first obtaining a permit therefor from the Regional Director. Applications for such permits may be made to the Superintendent. Each such application shall be accompanied by a map or sketch showing the location of the mining property to be served and the location of the proposed road or vehicle trail.

(c) Timber may be cut and removed from a mining claim or access road with the prior permission of the Superintendent, who shall designate the timber which may be cut and removed. All slash, brush, or debris resulting from the cutting of timber shall be disposed of by the prospector or miner in such manner and at such times as may be designated by the Superintendent.

§ 3826.2 Olympic National Park.

(a) By the act of Congress approved June 29, 1938 (52 Stat. 1241; 16 U.S.C. 251–255), the Mount Olympus National Monument was abolished and certain described lands, including the lands in the Monument, were reserved, withdrawn from disposal, and dedicated and set apart as a public park to be known as the Olympic National Park. The act provides that valid existing claims shall not be affected thereby.

(b) Section 2 of the act provides: That in the areas of said park lying east of the range line between ranges 9 and 10 and north of the seventh standard parallel, and east of the range line between ranges 4 and 5 west, Williamette meridian, all mineral deposits of the classes and kinds now subject to location, entry, and patent under the mining laws of the United States shall be, exclusive of the land containing them, subject to disposal under such laws for a period of five years from the date of approval of this Act, with rights of occupation and use of so much of the surface of the land as may be required for all purposes reasonably incident to the mining or removal of the minerals and under such general regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.

§ 3826.2–1 Mining locations during 5-year period.

Under the provisions of section 2 of the act the lands within the area described in that section are, for a period of 5 years from the date of the act, open to prospecting for the kinds of mineral subject to location under the United States mining laws and upon discovery of any such mineral, locations may be made in accordance with the provisions of the mining laws and regulations thereunder. Such locations duly made within the 5-year period will carry all the rights and incidents of mining locations, except that they will give to the locator no title to the land within their boundaries, or claim thereto, except the right to occupy and use so much of the surface of the land as required for all purposes reasonably necessary to mine and remove the minerals, such occupation and use to be

under general regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior. No prospecting may be done or locations made on the land after the expiration of the 5-year period from the date of this act, but the right to remove mineral deposits from valid locations made during the 5-year period may be maintained thereafter by complying with the requirements of the United States mining laws and the regulations in this subpart.

§ 3826.2–2 Cutting of timber.

The locator of a mining claim within the area described in section 2 of the act may cut timber within the boundaries of his claim for mining and domestic uses only with the permission of the superintendent of the park or his representative who will designate the timber to be cut. All slash, brush or debris resulting from the cutting of timber upon mining claims shall be disposed of by the locator in such manner and at such time as may be designated by the National Park Service officer in charge so as to prevent the creation of fire hazards, or conditions conducive to the development of infestation by timber-destroying insects.

§ 3826.2–3 Construction of trails and roads.

Prospectors or miners shall not open or construct roads or vehicle trails without first obtaining a permit from the Director of the National Park Service. Applications for such permits may be made through the officer in charge of the park upon submitting a map or sketch showing the location of the mining property to be served and the location of the proposed road or vehicle trail. The permit may be conditioned upon the permittee maintaining the road or trail in a passable condition, satisfactory to the superintendent of the park, so long as it is used by the permittee or his successors.

§ 3826.2–4 Occupation and use of surface.

Occupation and use of the surface of a mining claim is restricted by section 2 of the act to such as is reasonably incident to the exploration, development and extraction of the minerals in the claim. Accordingly, any locator or patentee of a mining claim located under this section of the act will be entitled to such right. A locator or patentee shall not be entitled to the exclusive use of any hot or minerial springs which may be within the boundaries of his claim, or to any use of such springs for other than mining purposes. Prospectors and miners shall at all times conform to any rules now prescribed or which may be made applicable by the Secretary of the Interior to this park. Special attention is directed to those regulations prohibiting hunting, trapping, and the carrying of firearms within the boundaries of the park.

§ 3826.2–5 Termination of right to use of surface of mining claims.

The right of occupation and use of the surface of the land embraced in the boundaries of a location, entry or patent pursuant to section 2 of the act will terminate when the minerals are mined out or the claim is abandoned. Any locator of an unpatented claim who fails to perform annual assessment work on his claim for any assessment period will be assumed to have abandoned his claim, and his right of occupation and use of the surface of the claim considered at an end.

§ 3826.2–6 Title to minerals only.

Applications for patents and final certificates issued thereon for mining claims located under section 2 of the act should be noted "Olympic National Park Lands", and all patents issued for such claims will convey title to the minerals under this act and this subpart.

§ 3826.3 Mining locations in Death Valley National Monument, California.

§ 3826.3–1 Mining.

Mining in Death Valley National Monument is subject to the following regulations, which are prescribed to govern the surface use of claims therein:

(a) The claim shall be occupied and used exclusively for mineral exploration and development and for no other purpose except that upon written permission of an authorized officer or employee of the National Park Service the surface of the claim may be used for other specified purposes, the use to be on such conditions and for such period as may be prescribed when permission is granted.

(b) The owner of the claim and all persons holding under him shall conform to all rules and regulations governing occupancy of the lands within the National Monument.

(c) The use and occupancy of the surface of mining claims as prescribed in subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this paragraph shall apply to all such claims located after the date of the act of June 13, 1933 (48 Stat. 139; 16 U.S.C. 447), within the limits of the National Monument as fixed by Proclamation No. 2028 of February 11, 1933, and enlarged by Proclamation No. 2228 of March 26, 1937, and to all mining claims on lands hereafter included in the National Monument, located after such inclusion, so long as such claims are within the boundaries of said Monument.

(d) Prospectors or miners shall not open or construct roads or vehicle trails without first obtaining written permission from an authorized officer or employee of the National Park Service. Applications for permits shall be accompanied by a map or sketch showing the location of the mining property to be

served and the location of the proposed road or vehicle trail. The permit may be conditioned upon the permittee's maintaining the road or trail in a passable condition as long as it is used by the permittee or his successors.

(e) From and after the date of publication of this section, no construction, development, or dumping upon any location or entry, lying wholly or partly within the areas set forth in subdivisions (1) to (3) of this subparagraph, shall be undertaken until the plans for such construction, development, and dumping, insofar as the surface is affected thereby, shall have been first submitted to and approved in writing by an authorized officer or employee of the National Park Service:

(1) All land within 200 feet of the center-line of any public road.

(2) All land within the smallest legal subdivision of the public land surveys containing a spring or water hole, or within one quarter of a mile thereof on unsurveyed public land.

(3) All land within any site developed or approved for development by the National Park Service as a residential, administrative, or public campground site. Such sites shall include all land within the exterior boundaries thereof as conspicuously posted by the placing of an appropriate sign disclosing that the boundaries of the developed site are designated on a map of the site which will be available for inspection in the office of the Superintendent. If not so posted, such sites shall include all land within 1,000 feet of any Federally owned buildings, water and sewer systems, road loops, and camp tables and fireplaces set at designated camp sites.

§ 3826.3–2 Use of water.

No works or water system of any kind for the diversion, impoundment, appropriation, transmission, or other use of water shall be constructed on or across Monument lands, including mining claims, without a permit approved by an authorized officer or employee of the National Park Service. Application for such permit shall be accompanied by plans of the proposed construction. The permit shall contain the following conditions: (1) No diversion and use of the water shall conflict with the paramount general public need for such water; (2) such water systems shall include taps or spigots at points to be prescribed by the Superintendent, for the convenience of the public; and (3) all appropriations of water, in compliance with the State water laws, shall be made for public use in the name of the United States and in accordance with instructions to be supplied by an authorized officer or employee of the National Park Service.

§ 3826.3–3 Permits.

Application for any permit required by this section shall be made through the Superintendent of the Monument.

§ 3826.3–4 Filing of copies of mining locations.

From and after the publication of this paragraph, in order to facilitate the administration of the regulations in this part, copies of all mining locations filed in the Office of the County Recorder shall be furnished to the office of the Superintendent, Death Valley National Monument, by the person filing the mining location in his own behalf or on behalf of any other person.

§ 3826.4 Glacier Bay National Monument, Alaska.

§ 3826.4–1 Mining locations.

(a) Under the act of June 22, 1936 (49 Stat. 1817), the lands in the Glacier Bay National Monument, reserved by proclamation of February 26, 1925 (43 Stat. 1988), or as it may be extended are open to prospecting for the kinds of mineral now subject to location under the United States mining laws, and, upon discovery of any such mineral, locations may be made in accordance with the provisions of the mining laws and regulations thereunder. Such locations, duly made, will carry all the rights and incidents of mining locations, except that they will give to the locator no title to the land within their boundaries or claim thereto except the right to occupy and use so much of the surface of the land as required for all purposes reasonably necessary to mine and remove the minerals, such occupation and use to be under general regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.

(b) The owner of a mining location may cut such timber within the boundaries of his claim as is necessary for mining purposes. Prospectors may cut timber for their necessary mining and domestic uses only with the permission of the custodian of the monument or his representative who will designate the timber to be cut. All slash, brush or debris resulting from the cutting of timber upon mining claims or by prospectors shall be disposed of by the claimant or prospector in such manner and at such time as may be designated by the National Park Service officer in charge so as to prevent the creation of fire hazards, or conditions conducive to the development of infestation by timber-destroying insects.

(c) Prospectors or miners shall not open or construct roads or vehicle trails without first obtaining a permit from the Director of the National Park Service. Applications for such permits may be made through the officer in charge of the monument upon submitting a map or sketch showing the location of the mining property to be served and the location of the proposed road or vehicle trail. The permit may be conditioned upon the permittee maintaining the road or trail in a passable condition so long as it is used by the permittee or his successors.

(d) Occupation and use of the surface of an unpatented mining claim is restricted by the general law to such as is reasonably incident to the exploration, development and extraction of the minerals in the claim. Accordingly, any locator or patentee of a mining claim located under this act will be entitled to such right. Upon written permission of the Director of the National Park Service or his representative, the surface of such claim may be used for other specified purposes, the use to be on such conditions and for such period as may be prescribed when permission is granted.

(e) Prospectors and miners shall at all times conform to any rules prescribed or which may be made applicable by the Director of the National Park Service to the national monument.

(f) The Park regulations for the protection of wildlife provide:

> The national monument is a sanctuary for wild life of every sort, and all hunting, or the killing, wounding, frightening, capturing or attempting to capture at any time of any wild bird or animal, except dangerous animals when it is necessary to prevent them from destroying human lives or inflicting personal injury, is prohibited.
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> Firearms, traps, seines, and nets are prohibited within the boundaries of the monument, except upon written permission of the custodian or his representative.

(g) The right of occupation and use of the surface of the land embraced in the boundaries of a location, entry or patent pursuant to the act of June 22, 1936, will terminate when the minerals are mined out or the claim is abandoned. Any owner of an unpatented location who fails to perform annual assessment work on his claim for any assessment period will be assumed to have abandoned his claim and his right of occupation and use of the surface of the claim considered at an end.

(h) Applications for patents and final certificates issued thereon for mining claims in this monument should be noted "Glacier Bay National Monument Lands", and all patents issued for claims under the act will convey title to the minerals only, and contain appropriate reference to the act and the regulations issued thereunder.

§ 3826.5 Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, Arizona.

By the act of Congress approved October 27, 1941 (55 Stat. 745; 16 U.S.C. 450z), all mineral deposits of the classes and kinds then subject to location, entry and patent under the United States mining laws within the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument in Arizona, were made, exclusive of the land containing them, subject to disposal under such laws, with right of occupation and use of so much of the surface of the land as may be required for all purposes reasonably incident to the mining or removal of the minerals and under such general regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.

§ 3826.5–1 Mining locations.

The lands within the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument as established by Proclamation No. 2232 dated April 13, 1937 (50 Stat. 1827), are open to prospecting for the kinds of mineral subject to location under the United States mining laws and upon discovery of any such mineral, locations may be made in accordance with the provisions of the mining laws and regulation hereunder. Such locations duly m[illegible] will carry all the rights and incidents of mining locations, except that they will give to the locator no title to the land within their boundaries, or claim thereto except the right to occupy and use so much of the surface of the land as required for all purposes reasonably necessary to mine and remove the minerals.

§ 3826.5–2 Occupation and use of surface.

Occupation and use of the surface of a mining claim is restricted by the act to such as is reasonably incident to the exploration, development and extraction of the minerals in the claim. Accordingly, any locator or patentee of a mining claim located under this act will be entitled to such right. Prospectors and miners shall at all times conform to any rules now prescribed or which may be made applicable by the Secretary of the Interior to this monument. Special attention is directed to those regulations prohibiting hunting, trapping, and the carrying of firearms within the boundaries of the monument.

§ 3826.5–3 Termination of right to use of surface of mining claims.

The right of occupation and use of the surface of the land embraced in the boundaries of a location, entry or patent pursuant to this act will terminate when the minerals are mined out or the claim is abandoned.

§ 3826.5–4 Title to minerals only.

Applications for patents and final certificates issued thereon for mining claims located under the act should be noted "Oregon Pipe Cactus National Monument Lands," and all patents issued for such claims will convey title to the minerals only, and contain appropriate reference to the act and these regulations.

§ 3826.5–5 Destroying vegetation prohibited.

The locator of a mining claim within the monument area shall refrain from destroying or disturbing vegetation within the boundaries of his claim except as is necessary for the proper development thereof for mining purposes.

§ 3826.5–6 Construction of trails and roads.

Prospectors or miners shall not open or construct roads or vehicle trails without first obtaining a permit from the Director of the National Park Service. Applications for such permits may be made through the officer in charge of the monument upon submitting a map or sketch showing the location of the mining property to be served and the location of the proposed road or vehicle trail. The permit may be conditioned upon the permittee maintaining the road or trail in a passable condition, satisfactory to the officer in charge, so long as it is used by the permittee or his successors.

§ 3826.5–7 Lands containing certain features not subject to location.

Lands containing springs, wells, water holes, other sources of water supply, monument headquarters, and recreation areas are not subject to location.

PART 3830—LOCATION OF MINING CLAIMS

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Subpart 3831—Rights to Mineral Lands

§ 3831.1 Manner of initiating rights under locations.

Rights to mineral lands, owned by the United States, are initiated by prospecting for minerals thereon, and, upon the discovery of mineral, by locating the lands upon which such discovery has been made. A location is made by staking the corners of the claim, posting notice of location thereon and complying with the State laws, regarding the recording of the location in the county recorder's office, discovery work, etc. As supplemental to the United States mining laws there are State statutes relative to location, manner of recording of mining claims, etc., in the State, which should also be observed in the location of mining claims. Information as to State laws can be obtained locally or from State officials.

Subpart 3832—Who May Make Locations

§ 3832.1 Qualifications.

Citizens of the United States, or those who have declared their intention to become such, including minors who have reached the age of discretion and corporations organized under the laws of any State, may make mining locations. Agents may make locations for qualified locators.

PART 3840—NATURE AND CLASSES OF MINING CLAIMS

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Subpart 3840—Types of Claims

§ 3840.1 Classes of mining claims.

Mining claims are of two distinct classes: lode claims and placers.

Subpart 3841—Lode Claims

§ 3841.1 Lodes located previous to May 10, 1872.

The status of lode claims located or patented previous to May 10, 1872, is not changed with regard to their extent along the lode or width of surface; but the claim is enlarged by 2322 and 2328, R.S. (30 U.S.C. 26, 33), by investing the locator, his heirs or assigns, with the right to follow, upon the conditions stated therein, all veins, lodes, or ledges, the top or apex of which lies inside of the surface lines of his claim.

§ 3841.2 Lodes must not have been adversely claimed.

It is to be distinctly understood that the law limits the possessory right to veins, lodes, or ledges, other than the one named in the original location, to such as were not adversely claimed on May 10, 1872, and that where such other vein or ledge was so adversely claimed at that date the right of the party so adversely claiming is in no way impaired by the act of that date.

§ 3841.3 Discovery.

§ 3841.3–1 Discovery required before location.

No lode claim shall be located until after the discovery of a vein or lode within the limits of the claim, the object of which provision is evidently to prevent the appropriation of presumed mineral ground for speculative purposes, to the exclusion of bona fide prospectors, before sufficient work has been done to determine whether a vein or lode really exists.

§ 3841.3–2 Discovery work.

The claimant should, therefore, prior to locating his claim, unless the vein can be traced upon the surface, sink a shaft or run a tunnel or drift to a sufficient depth therein to discover and develop a mineral-bearing vein, lode, or crevice; should determine, if possible, the general course of such vein in either direction from the point of discovery, by which direction he will be governed in marking the boundaries of his claim on the surface.

§ 3841.4 Describing locations.

§ 3841.4–1 Length of lode claims.

From and after May 10, 1872, any person who is a citizen of the United States, or who has declared his intention to become a citizen, may locate, record, and hold a mining claim of 1,500 linear feet along the course of any mineral vein or lode subject to location; or an association of persons, severally qualified as above, may make joint location of such claim of 1,500 feet, but in no event can a location of a vein or lode made after May 10, 1872, exceed 1,500 feet along the course thereof, whatever may be the number of persons composing the association.

§ 3841.4–2 Width of lode claims.

No lode located after May 10, 1872, can exceed a parallelogram 1,500 feet in length by 600 feet in width, but whether surface ground of that width can be taken depends upon the local regulations or State or Territorial laws in force in the several mining districts. No such local regulations or State or Territorial laws shall limit a vein or lode claim to less than 1,500 feet along the course thereof, whether the location is made by one or more persons, nor can surface rights be limited to less than 50 feet in width unless adverse claims existing on May 10, 1872, render such lateral limitation necessary.

§ 3841.4–3 Extent of surface ground.

With regard to the extent of surface ground adjoining a vein or lode, and claimed for the convenient working thereof, the act of May 10, 1872, provides that the lateral extent of locations of veins or lodes made after said date shall in no case exceed 300 feet on each side of the middle of the vein at the surface, and that no such surface rights shall be limited by any mining regulations to less than 25 feet on each side of the middle of

the vein at the surface, except where adverse rights existing on May 10, 1872, may render such limitation necessary; the end lines of such claims to be in all cases parallel to each other. Said lateral measurements cannot extend beyond 300 feet on either side of the middle of the vein at the surface, or such distance as is allowed by local laws. For example: 400 feet cannot be taken on one side and 200 feet on the other. If, however, 300 feet on each side are allowed, and by reason of prior claims but 100 feet can be taken on one side, the locator will not be restricted to less than 300 feet on the other side; and when the locator does not determine by exploration where the middle of the vein at the surface is, his discovery shaft must be assumed to mark such point.

§ 3841.4–4 Defining of locations.

Section 5 of the act of May 10, 1872, now section 2324, Revised Statutes (30 U.S.C. 28), requires that "the location must be distinctly marked on the ground so that its boundaries can be readily traced." Locators can not exercise too much care in defining their locations at the outset, inasmuch as section 5 of the act of May 10, 1872 (17 Stat. 92; 30 U.S.C. 28) requires that all records of mining locations made subsequent to the date of said act shall contain the name or names of the locators, the date of the location, and such a description of the claim or claims located, by reference to some natural object or permanent monument, as will identify the claim.

§ 3841.4–5 Location notice; monumenting.

(a) The location notice should give the course and distance as nearly as practicable from the discovery shaft on the claim to some permanent, well-known points or objects, such, for instance, as stone monuments, blazed trees, the confluence of streams, point of intersection of well-known gulches, ravines, or roads, prominent buttes, hills, etc., which may be in the immediate vicinity, and which will serve to perpetuate and fix the locus of the claim and render it susceptible of identification from the description thereof given in the record of locations in the district, and should be duly recorded.

(b) In addition to the foregoing data, the claimant should state the names of adjoining claims, or, if none adjoin, the relative positions of the nearest claims; should drive a post or erect a monument of stones at each corner of his surface ground, and at the point of discovery or discovery shaft should fix a post, stake, or board, upon which should be designated the name of the lode, the name or names of the locators, the number of feet claimed, and in which direction from the point of discovery, it being essential that the location notice filed for record, in addition to the foregoing description, should state whether the entire claim of 1,500 feet is taken on one side of the point of discovery, or whether it is partly upon one and partly upon the other side thereof, and in the latter case, how many feet are claimed upon each side of such discovery point. As to the importance of monuments, and as to their paramount authority, see the act of April 28, 1904 (33 Stat. 545; 30 U.S.C. 34), which amended R.S. 2327.

§ 3841.4–6 Recording of location notice.

The location notice must be filed for record in all respects as required by the State or territorial laws, and local rules and regulations, if there be any.

Subpart 3842—Placer Claims

§ 3842.1 Placer claims; general.

§ 3842.1–1 Discovery.

But one discovery of mineral is required to support a placer location, whether it be of 20 acres by an individual, or of 160 acres or less by an association of persons.

§ 3842.1–2 Maximum allowable acreage.

(a) By R.S. 2330 (30 U.S.C. 36), it is declared that no location of a placer claim made after July 9, 1870, shall exceed 160 acres for any one person or association of persons, which location shall conform to the United States surveys.

(b) R.S. 2331 (30 U.S.C. 35) provides that all placer-mining claims located after May 10, 1872, shall conform as nearly as practicable with the United States system of public land surveys and the rectangular subdivisions of such surveys, and such locations shall not include more than 20 acres for each individual claimant.

(c) The foregoing provisions of law are construed to mean that after July 9, 1870, no location of a placer claim can be made to exceed 160 acres, whatever may be the number of locators associated together, or whatever the local regulations of the district may allow; and that from and after May 10, 1872, no location can exceed 20 acres for each individual participating therein; that it, a location by two persons can not exceed 40 acres, and one by three persons can not exceed 60 acres.

§ 3842.1–3 Locations authorized in 10 acre units.

By R.S. 2330 (30 U.S.C. 36), authority is given for subdividing 40-acre legal subdivisions into 10-acre tracts. These 10-acre tracts should be considered and dealt with as legal subdivisions, and an applicant having a placer claim which conforms to one or more of such 10-acre tracts, contiguous in case of two or more tracts, may make entry thereof, after the usual proceedings, without further survey or plat.

§ 3842.1–4 Manner of describing 10-acre units.

A 10-acre subdivision may be described, for instance if situated in the extreme northeast of the section, as the "NE. ¼ of the NE. ¼ of the NE. ¼" of the section, or, in like manner, by appropriate terms, wherever situated; but in addition to this description, the notice must give all the other data required in

a mineral application, by which parties may be put on inquiry as to the land sought to be patented. The proofs submitted with applications must show clearly the character and extent of the improvements upon the premises.

§ 3842.1–5 Conformity of placer claims to the public land surveys.

(a) All placer-mining claims located after May 10, 1872, shall conform as near as practicable with the United States system of public-land surveys and the rectangular subdivisions of such surveys, whether the locations are upon surveyed or unsurveyed lands.

(b) Conformity to the public-land surveys and the rectangular subdivisions thereof will not be required where compliance with such requirement would necessitate the placing of the lines thereof upon other prior located claims or where the claim is surrounded by prior locations.

(c) Where a placer location by one or two persons can be entirely included within a square 40-acre tract, by three or four persons within two square 40-acre tracts placed end to end, by five or six persons within three square 40-acre tracts, and by seven or eight persons within four square 40-acre tracts, such locations will be regarded as within the requirements where strict conformity is impracticable.

(d) Whether a placer location conforms reasonably with the legal subdivisions of the public survey is a question of fact to be determined in each case, and no location will be passed to patent without satisfactory evidence in this regard. Claimants should bear in mind that it is the policy of the Government to have all entries whether of agricultural or mineral lands as compact and regular in form as reasonably practicable, and that it will not permit or sanction entries or locations which cut the public domain into long narrow strips or grossly irregular or fantastically shaped tracts. (Snow Flake Fraction Placer, 37 L.D. 250.)

§ 3842.2 Building-stone placers.

The act of August 4, 1892 (27 Stat. 348; 30 U.S.C. 161), extends the mineral land laws so as to bring lands chiefly valuable for building stone within the provisions of said laws.

(a) Common varieties of building stone are, since the act of July 23, 1955 (69 Stat. 367; 30 U.S.C. 611) no longer locatable under the mining laws.

(b) Uncommon varieties of building stone continue to be subject to the building stone placer supplement to the mining law, 30 U.S.C. 161.

§ 3842.3 Saline placers.

(a) Under the act approved January 31, 1901 (31 Stat. 745; 30 U.S.C. 162), extending the mining laws to saline lands, the provisions of the law relating to placer-mining claims are extended to all States so as to permit the location and purchase thereunder of all unoccupied public lands containing salt springs, or deposits of salt in any form, and chiefly valuable therefor, with the proviso, "That the same person shall not locate or enter more than one claim hereunder." The saline placer act was superseded by the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437; 30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.), whereby saline (sodium) deposits were made subject to disposal by leases instead of mining locations.

(b) Rights obtained by location under the placer-mining laws are assignable, and the assignee may make the entry in his own name; so, under this act a person holding as assignee may make entry in his own name: *Provided,* That he has not held under this act, at any time, either as locator or entryman, any other lands; his right is exhausted by having held under this act any particular tract, either as locator or entryman, either as an individual or as a member of an association. It follows, therefore, that no application for patent or entry, made under this act, shall embrace more than one single location.

(c) In order that the conditions imposed by the proviso, as set forth in paragraph (b) of this section, may duly appear, the application for patent must contain or be accompanied by a specific statement by each person whose name appears therein that he never has, either as an individual or as a member of an association, located or entered any other lands under the provisions of this act. The application for patent should also be accompanied by a showing, fully disclosing the qualifications as defined by the proviso, of the applicants' predecessors in interest.

§ 3842.4 Petroleum placers.

The act of February 11, 1897 (29 Stat. 526), provides for the location and entry of public lands chiefly valuable for petroleum or other mineral oils, and entries of that nature made prior to the passage of said act are to be considered as though made thereunder. This act was superseded by the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437).

Subpart 3843—Tunnel Sites

§ 3843.1 Possessory right of tunnel proprietor.

The effect of R.S. 2323 (30 U.S.C. 27), is to give the proprietors of a mining tunnel run in good faith the possessory right to 1,500 feet of any blind lodes cut, discovered, or intersected by such tunnel, which were not previously known to exist within 3,000 feet from the face or point of commencement of such tunnel, and to prohibit other parties, after the commencement of the tunnel, from prospecting for and making locations of lodes on the line thereof and within said distance of 3,000 feet, unless such lodes appear

upon the surface or were previously known to exist. The term "face," as used in said sections, is contrued and held to mean the first working face formed in the tunnel, and to signify the point at which the tunnel actually enters cover; it being from this point that the 3,000 feet are to be counted upon which prospecting is prohibited as aforesaid. R.S. 2323 provides: "Failure to prosecute the work on the tunnel for six months shall be considered as an abandonment of the right to all undiscovered veins on the line of such tunnel."

§ 3843.2 Location of tunnel claims.

To avail themselves of the benefits of this provision of law, the proprietors of a mining tunnel will be required, at the time they enter cover as aforesaid, to give proper notice of their tunnel location by erecting a substantial post, board, or monument at the face or point of commencement thereof, upon which should be posted a good and sufficient notice, giving the names of the parties or company claiming the tunnel right; the actual or proposed course or direction of the tunnel, the height and width thereof, and the course and distance from such face or point of commencement to some permanent well-known objects in the vicinity by which to fix and determine the locus in manner heretofore set forth appplicable to locations of veins or lodes, and at the time of posting such notice they shall, in order that miners or prospectors may be enabled to determine whether or not they are within the lines of the tunnel, establish the boundary lines thereof, by stakes or monuments placed along such lines at proper intervals, to the terminus of the 3,000 feet from the face or point of commencement of the tunnel, and the lines so marked will define and govern as to specific boundaries within which prospecting for lodes not previously known to exist is prohibited while work on the tunnel is being prosecuted with reasonable diligence.

§ 3843.3 Recording of notices.

A full and correct copy of such notice of location defining the tunnel claim must be filed for record with the mining recorder of the district, to which notice must be attached the sworn statement or declaration of the owners, claimants, or projectors of such tunnel, setting forth the facts in the case; stating the amount expended by themselves and their predecessors in interest in prosecuting work thereon; the extent of the work performed, and that it is bona fide their intention to prosecute work on the tunnel so located and described with reasonable diligence for the development of a vein or lode, or for the discovery of mines, or both, as the case may be. This notice of location must be duly recorded, and, with the said sworn statement attached, kept on the recorder's files for future reference.

Subpart 3844—Millsites

§ 3844.0–3 Authority.

The location and patenting of lands for millsite purposes is authorized by R.S. 2337 as amended by the Act of March 18, 1960. The act, 30 U.S.C. 42, reads as follows:

Patents for nonmineral lands.

(a) Where nonmineral land not contiguous to the vein or lode is used or occupied by the proprietor of such vein or lode for mining or milling purposes, such nonadjacent surface ground may be embraced, and included in an application for a patent for such vein or lode, and the same may be patented therewith, subject to the same preliminary requirements as to survey and notice as are applicable to veins or lodes; but no location made of such nonadjacent land shall exceed five acres, and payment for the same must be made at the same rate as fixed by sections 21–24, 26–28, 29, 30, 33–48, 50–52, and 71–76 of this title for the superficies of the lode. The owner of a quartz mill or reduction works, not owning a mine in connection therewith, may also receive a patent for his mill site, as provided in this section.

(b) Where nonmineral land is needed by the proprietor of a placer claim for mining, milling, processing, beneficiation, or other operations in connection with such claim, and is used or occupied by the proprietor for such purposes, such land may be included in an application for a patent for such claim, and may be patented therewith subject to the same requirements as to survey and notice as are applicable to placers. No location made of such nonmineral land shall exceed five acres and payment for the same shall be made at the rate applicable to placer claims which do not include a vein or lode. (As amended Mar. 18, 1960, Pub. Law 86–390, 74 Stat. 7.)

§ 3844.1 Required use.

A millsite is required to be used or occupied distinctly and explicitly for mining or milling purposes in connection with the lode or placer claim with which it is associated. A custom or independent millsite may be located for the erection and maintenance of a quartz mill or reduction works.

PART 3850—ASSESSMENT WORK

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Subpart 3851—Assessment Work; General

§ 3851.1 Assessment work.

In order to hold the possessory right to a lode or placer location made after May 10, 1872, not less than $100 worth of labor must be performed or improvements made thereon annually. The period within which the work required to be done shall commence at 12 o'clock meridian on the 1st day of September succeeding the date of location of each claim. Where a number of contiguous claims are held in common, the aggregate expenditure that would be necessary to hold all the claims may be made on any one claim. Cornering locations are held not to be contiguous.

§ 3851.1–1 Expenditures.

The annual expenditure in the amount of $100, required by section R.S. 2324 (30 U.S.C. 28), must be made upon placer as well as lode locations.

§ 3851.2 Inclusion of surveys in assessment work.

(a) In addition to the several types of work that may fulfill the annual labor requirement, the requirement can also be satisfied by conducting geological, geochemical and geophysical surveys. P.L. 85–876, Act of September 2, 1958 (72 Stat. 1701; 30 U.S.C. 28–1–2). Such surveys must be conducted by qualified experts and verified by a detailed report filed in the county or recording district office in which the claim is located. This report must set forth fully the following:

(1) The location of the work performed in relation to the point of discovery and boundaries of the claim.

(2) Nature, extent and cost of the work performed.

(3) The basic findings of the surveys.

(4) The name, address and professional background of the person or persons conducting the work.

Such surveys may not be applied as labor for more than two consecutive years or for more than a total of five years on any one mining claim. Each survey shall be nonrepetitive of any previous survey of the same claim. Such surveys will not apply toward the statutory provision requiring the expenditure of $500 for each claim for mineral patent.

(b) As used in this section—

(1) The term "geological surveys" means surveys on the ground for mineral deposits by the proper application of the principles and techniques of the science of geology as they relate to the search for and discovery of mineral deposits;

(2) The term "geochemical surveys" means surveys on the ground for mineral deposits by the proper application of the principles and techniques of the science of chemistry as they relate to the search for and discovery of mineral deposits;

(3) The term "geophysical surveys" means surveys on the ground for mineral deposits through the employment of generally recognized equipment and methods for measuring physical difference between rock types or discontinuities in geological formations;

(4) The term "qualified expert" means an individual qualified by education or experience to conduct geological, geochemical, or geophysical surveys, as the case may be.

§ 3851.3 Failure to perform assessment work.

Failure to make the expenditure or perform the labor required upon a location made before or since May 10, 1872, will subject a claim to relocation unless the original locator, his heirs, assigns, or legal representatives have resumed work after such failure and before relocation.

§ 3851.4 Determination of right of possession between rival claimants.

The annual expenditure of $100 in labor or improvements on a mining claim, required by section 2324 of the Revised Statutes (30 U.S.C. 28), is, with the exception of certain phosphate placer locations, validated by the act of January 11, 1915 (38 Stat. 792; 30 U.S.C. 131), under which regulations were issued March 31, 1915 (Circ. 396), 44 L.D. 46, solely a matter between rival or adverse claimants to the same mineral land, and goes only to the right of possession, the determination of which is committed exclusively to the courts.

§ 3851.5 Failure of a co-owner to contribute to annual assessment work.

Upon the failure of any one of several co-owners to contribute his proportion of the required expenditures, the co-owners, who have performed the labor or made the improvements as required, may, at the expiration of the year, give such delinquent co-owner personal notice in writing, or notice by publication in the newspaper published nearest the

claim for at least once a week for 90 days; and if upon the expiration of 90 days after such notice in writing, or upon the expiration of 180 days after the first newspaper publication of notice, the delinquent co-owner shall have failed to contribute his proportion to meet such expenditures or improvements, his interest in the claim by law passes to his co-owners who have made the expenditures or improvements as aforesaid. Where a claimant alleges ownership of a forfeited interest under the foregoing provision, the statement of the publisher as to the facts of publication, giving dates, and a printed copy of the notice published, should be furnished, and the claimant must state that the delinquent co-owner failed to contribute his proper proportion within the period fixed by the statute.

§ 3851.6 Assessment work not required after patent certificate.

Annual expenditure is not required subsequent to entry, the date of issuing the patent certificate being the date contemplated by statute.

Subpart 3852—Deferment of Assessment Work

§ 3852.0–3 Authority.

The act of June 21, 1949 (63 Stat. 214; 30 U.S.C. 28b–c), provides for the temporary deferment in certain unavoidable contingencies of the performance of annual assessment work on mining claims held by location in the United States. The relief under this act is in addition to any other relief available under any other act of Congress with respect to the suspension of annual assessment work on mining claims.

§ 3852.1 Conditions under which deferment may be granted.

The deferment may be granted where any mining claim or group of claims in the United States is surrounded by lands over which a right-of-way for the performance of assessment work has been denied or is in litigation or is in the process of acquisition under State law or where other legal impediments exist which affect the right of the claimant to enter upon the surface of such claim or group of claims or to gain access to the boundaries thereof.

§ 3852.2 Filing of petition for deferment, contests.

(a) In order to obtain temporary deferment, the claimant must file with the manager of the land office for the district in which the lands are situated, a petition in duplicate requesting such deferment. No particular form of petition is required, but the applicant must attach to one copy thereof a copy of the notice to the public required by the act which shows that it has been filed or recorded in the office in which the notices or certificates of location were filed or recorded. The petition and duplicate should be signed by at least one of the owners of each of the locations involved, shall give the names of the claims, dates of location, and the date of the beginning of the one-year period for which deferment is requested. Each petition shall be accompanied by a $10 nonrefundable service charge.

(b) If the petition is based upon the denial of a right-of-way, it must state the nature and ownership of the land or claim thereto over which it is necessary to obtain a right-of-way in order to reach the surrounded claims. and the land description thereof by legal subdivisions if the land is surveyed, and give full details as to why present use of the right-of-way is denied or prevented and as to the steps which have been taken to acquire the right to use it. The petition should state whether any other right-of-way is available and if so, give reasons why it is not feasible or desirable to use that right-of-way.

(c) If the petition is based on other legal impediments, they must be set out and their effect described in detail.

§ 3852.3 Notice of action on petition to be recorded.

The claimant must file or record, in the office in which he filed or recorded his notice of petition, a copy of the order or decision disposing of the petition.

§ 3852.4 Period for which deferment may be granted.

If the showing made is satisfactory, the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management will grant a deferment for an initial period not exceeding one year. The period shall begin on the date requested in the petition unless the approval sets a different date. Upon petition, the one year period may be renewed for another year if justifiable conditions exist. If the conditions justifying deferment are removed prior to the specified termination date of the deferment period. the deferment shall automatically be ended as of such earlier date.

§ 3852.5 When deferred assessment work is to be done.

All deferred assessment work may be begun at any time after the termination of the deferment but must be completed not later than the end of the assessment year commencing after the removal or cessation of the causes for the deferment or the expiration of any deferments granted under the act and shall be in addition to the annual assessment work required by law for such year.

PART 3860—MINERAL PATENT APPLICATIONS

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Subpart 3861—Surveys and plats

§ 3861.1 Surveys of mining claims.

§ 3861.1–1 Application for survey.

The claimant is required, in the first place, to have a correct survey of his claim made under authority of the proper cadastral engineer, such survey to show with accuracy the exterior surface boundaries of the claim, which boundaries are required to be distinctly marked by monuments on the ground. He is required to have a correct survey where patent is applied for and where the mining claim is in vein or lode formation, or covers lands not surveyed in accordance with the U.S. system of rectangular surveys, or where the mining claim fails to conform with the legal subdivisions of the federal surveys. Application for authorization of survey should be made to the appropriate land office (see § 1821.2–1 of this chapter).

§ 3861.1–2 Survey must be made subsequent to recording notice of location.

The survey and plat of mineral claims required to be filed in the proper land office with application for patent must be made subsequent to the recording of the location of the claim (if the laws of the State or the regulations of the mining district require the notice of location to be recorded), and when the original location is made by survey of a mineral surveyor such location survey cannot be substituted for that required by the statute, as above indicated. All matters relating to the duties of mineral surveyors, and to the field and office procedure to be observed in the execution of mineral surveys, are set forth in Chapter X of the Manual of Instructions for the Survey of the Public Lands of the United States, 1947.

§ 3861.1–3 Plats and field notes of mineral surveys.

When the patent is issued, one copy of the plat and field notes shall accompany the patent and be delivered to the patentee.

§ 3861.2 Surveys; specific.

§ 3861.2–1 Particulars to be observed in mineral surveys.

(a) The following particulars should be observed in the survey of every mining claim:

(1) The exterior boundaries of the claim, the number of feet claimed along the vein, and, as nearly as can be ascertained, the direction of the vein, and the number of feet claimed on the vein in each direction from the point of discovery or other well-defined place on the claim should be represented on the plat of survey and in the field notes.

(2) The intersection of the lines of the survey with the lines of conflicting prior surveys should be noted in the field notes and represented upon the plat.

(3) Conflicts with unsurveyed claims, where the applicant for survey does not claim the area in conflict, should be shown by actual survey.

(4) The total area of the claim embraced by the exterior boundaries should be stated, and also the area in conflict with each intersecting survey, substantially as follows:

	Acres
Total area of claim	10.50
Area in conflict with survey No. 302	1.56
Area in conflict with survey No. 948	2.33
Area in conflict with Mountain Maid lode mining claim, unsurveyed	1.48

(b) It does not follow that because mining surveys are required to exhibit all conflicts with prior surveys the area of conflict are to be excluded. The field notes and plat are made a part of the application for patent, and care should be taken that the description does not inadvertently exclude portions intended to be retained. The application for patent should state the portions to be excluded in express terms.

§ 3861.2–2 Certificate of expenditures and improvements.

(a) The claimant at the time of filing the application for patent, or at any time within the 60 days of publication, is required to file with the manager a certificate of the office cadastral engineer that not less than $500 worth of labor has been expended or improvements made, by the applicant or his grantors, upon each location embraced in the application, or if the application embraces several contiguous locations held in common, that an amount equal to $500 for each location has been so expended upon, and for the benefit of, the entire group; that the plat filed by the claimant is correct; that the field notes of the survey, as filed, furnish such an accurate description of the claim as will, if incorporation in a patent, serve to identify the premises fully, and that such reference is made therein to natural objects or permanent monuments as will perpetuate and fix the locus thereof.

(b) In case of a lode and mill-site claim in the same survey the expenditure of $500 must be shown upon the lode claim.

§ 3861.2–3 Mineral surveyor's report of expenditures and improvements.

(a) In the mineral surveyor's report of the value of the improvements all actual expenditures and mining improvements made by the claimant or his grantors, having a direct relation to the development of the claim, must be included in the estimate.

(b) The expenditures required may be made from the surface or in running a tunnel, drifts, or crosscuts for the development of the claim. Expenditures for drill holes for the purpose of prospecting and securing data upon which further development of a group of lode mining claims held in common may be based are available toward meeting the statutory provision requiring an expenditure of $500 as a basis for patent as to all of the claims of the group situated in close proximity to such common improvement. Improvements of any other character, such as buildings, machinery, or roadways, must be excluded from the estimate, unless it is shown clearly that they are associated with actual excavations, such as cuts, tunnels, shafts, etc., are essential to the practical development of and actually facilitate the extraction of mineral from the claim.

(c) Improvements made by a former locator who has abandoned his claim cannot be included in the estimate, but should be described and located in the notes and plat.

§ 3861.2–4 Supplemental proof of expenditures and improvements.

If the value of the labor and improvements upon a mineral claim is less than $500 at the time of survey the mineral surveyor may file with the cadastral engineer supplemental proof showing $500 expenditure made prior to the expiration of the period of publication.

§ 3861.2–5 Amended mineral surveys.

(a) Inasmuch as amended surveys are ordered only by special instructions from the Bureau of Land Management, and the conditions and circumstances peculiar to each separate case and the object sought by the required amendment, alone govern all special matters relative to the manner of making such survey and the form and subject matter to be embraced in the field notes thereof, but few general rules applicable to all cases can be laid down.

(b) The expense of amended surveys, including amendment of plat and field notes, and office work in the Bureau of Land Management office will be borne by the claimant.

(c) The amended survey must be made in strict conformity with, or be embraced within, the lines of the original survey. If the amended and original surveys are identical, that fact must be clearly and distinctly stated in the field notes. If not identical, a bearing and distance must be given from each established corner of the amended survey to the corresponding corner of the original survey.

The lines of the original survey, as found upon the ground, must be laid down upon the preliminary plat in such manner as to contrast and show their relation to the lines of the amended survey.

§ 3861.3 Mineral surveyors.

§ 3861.3–1 Extent of duties.

The duty of a mineral surveyor in any particular case ceases when he has executed the survey and returned the field notes and preliminary plat, with his report, to the cadastral engineer. He will not be allowed to prepare for the mining claimant the papers in support of his application for patent. He is not permitted to combine the duties of surveyor and notary public in the same case by administering oaths. It is preferable that both preliminary and final oaths of assistants should be taken before some officer duly authorized to administer oaths, other than the mineral surveyor. In cases, however, where great delay, expense, or inconvenience would result from a strict compliance with this section, the mineral surveyor is authorized to administer the necessary oaths to his assistants, but in each case where this is done, he will submit to the proper cadastral engineer a full written report of the circumstances which required his stated action; otherwise he must have absolutely nothing to do with the case, except in his official capacity as surveyor. He will not employ field assistants interested therein in any manner.

§ 3861.3–2 Assistants.

The employing of claimants, their attorneys, or parties in interest, as assistants in making surveys of mineral claims will not be allowed.

§ 3861.4 Contract for surveys.

§ 3861.4–1 Payment.

(a) The claimant is required, in all cases, to make satisfactory arrangements with the surveyor for the payment for his services and those of his assistants in making the survey, as the United States will not be held responsible for the same.

(b) The state director has no jurisdiction to settle differences relative to the payment of charges for field work, between mineral surveyors and claimants. These are matters of private contract and must be enforced in the ordinary manner, i.e., in the local courts. The Department has, however, authority to investigate charges affecting the official actions of mineral surveyors, and will, on sufficient cause shown, suspend or revoke their appointment.

§ 3861.5 Appointment and employment of mineral surveyors.

§ 3861.5–1 Appointment.

Pursuant to section R.S. 2334 (30 U.S.C. 39), each state director will appoint as surveyors for the survey of mining claims applicants found to be competent, to the extent needed to meet the demand for that class of work. Each appointee shall qualify as prescribed by the state director and shall furnish a performance bond of not less than $5,000 before entering on duty. Each mineral surveyor shall be eligible to survey mining claims in the States within the region in which he is appointed and in adjoining States. Each state director shall maintain a register showing the names and addresses of mineral surveyors appointed for the area and eligible for the survey of mining claims. The state director shall furnish each adjoining State with a copy of such register, and shall advise them of any changes therein.

§ 3861.5–2 Employment.

A mineral claimant may employ any United States mineral surveyor qualified as indicated in paragraph (a) of this section to make the survey of his claim. All expenses of the survey of mining claims and the publication of the required notices of application for patent are to be borne by the mining claimants.

§ 3861.6 Plats and notices.

§ 3861.6–1 Payment of charges of the public survey office.

With regard to the platting of the claim and other office work in the Bureau of Land Management office, including the preparation of the copies of the plat and field notes to be furnished the claimant, that office will make an estimate of the cost thereof, which amount the claimant will deposit with it to be passed to the credit of the fund created by "Deposits by Individuals for Surveying Public Lands."

§ 3861.7 Posting.

§ 3861.7–1 Plat and notice to be posted on claim.

The claimant is required to post a copy of the plat of survey in a conspicuous place upon the claim, together with notice of his intention to apply for a patent therefor, which notice will give the date of posting, the name of the claimant, the name of the claim, the number of the survey, the mining district and county, and the names of adjoining and conflicting claims as shown by the plat of survey.

§ 3861.7–2 Proof of posting on the claim.

After posting the said plat and notice upon the premises the claimant will file with the proper manager two copies of such plat and the field notes of survey of the claim, accompanied by two copies of the statement of at least two credible witnesses that such plat and notice are posted conspicuously upon the claim, giving the date and place of such posting, and two copies of the notice so posted to be attached to and form a part of said statement.

Subpart 3862—Lode Mining Claim Patent Applications

§ 3862.1 Lode claim patent application; general.

§ 3862.1–1 Application for patent.

(a) At the time the proof of posting is filed the claimant must file in duplicate an application for patent showing that he has the possessory right to the claim, in virtue of a compliance by himself (and by his grantors, if he claims by purchase) with the mining rules, regulations, and customs of the mining district or State in which the claim lies, and with the mining laws of Congress, such statement to narrate briefly, but as clearly as possible, the facts constituting such compliance, the origin of his possession, and the basis of his claim to a patent. The application should contain a full description of the kind and character of the vein or lode and should state whether ore has been extracted therefrom; and if so, in what amount and of what value. It should also show the precise place within the limits of each of the locations embraced in the application where the vein or lode has been exposed or discovered and the width thereof. The showing in these regards should contain sufficient data to enable representatives of the Government to confirm the same by examination in the field and also enable the Bureau of Land Management to determine whether a valuable deposit of mineral actually exists within the limits of each of the locations embraced in the application.

(b) Every application for patent, based on a mining claim located after August 1, 1946, shall state whether the claimant has or has not had any direct or indirect part in the development of the atomic bomb project. The application must set forth in detail the exact nature of the claimant's participation in the project, and must also state whether as a result of such participation he acquired any confidential, official information as to the existence of deposits of uranium, thorium, or other fissionable source materials in the lands covered by his application.

(c) In applying for patent to a mining claim embracing land lying partly within one land district and partly within another, a full set of papers must be filed in each office, except that one abstract of title and one proof of patent expenditures will be sufficient. Only one newspaper publication and one posting on the claim will be required, but proof thereof must be filed in both offices, the statements as to posting plat and notice on the claim to be signed within the respective land districts, as well, also, as all of the other statements required in mineral patent proceedings, except such as, under the law, may be signed outside of the land district wherein the land applied for is situated. Publication, payment of fees, and the purchase price of the land will be further governed by the provisions of § 1823.4(a) and 1861.2 of this chapter.

§ 3862.1–2 Service charge.

The service charge payable to the Bureau of Land Management for filing and acting upon applications for mineral-land patents is $25 to be paid by the applicant for patent at the time of filing. This charge is not refundable.

§ 3862.1–3 Evidence of title.

(a) Each patent application must be supported by either a certificate of title or an abstract of title certified to by the legal custodian of the records of locations and transfers of mining claims or by an abstracter of titles. The certificate of title or certificate to an abstract of title must be by a person, association, or corporation authorized by the State laws to execute such a certificate and acceptable to the Bureau of Land Management.

(b) A certificate of title must conform substantially to a form approved by the Director.

(c) Each certificate of title or abstract of title must be accompanied by single copies of the certificate or notice of the original location of each claim, and of the certificates of amended or supplemental locations thereof, certified to by the legal custodian of the record of mining locations.

(d) A certificate to an abstract of title must state that the abstract is a full, true, and complete abstract of the location certificates or notices, and all amendments thereof, and of all deeds, instruments, or actions appearing of record purporting to convey or to affect the title to each claim.

(e) The application for patent will be received and filed if the certificate of title or an abstract is brought down to a day reasonably near the date of the presentation of the application and shows full title in the applicant, who must as soon as practicable thereafter file a supplemental certificate of title or an abstract brought down so as to include the date of the filing of the application.

§ 3862.1–4 Evidence relating to destroyed or lost records.

In the event of the mining records in any case having been destroyed by fire or otherwise lost, a statement of the fact should be made, and secondary evidence of possessory title will be received, which may consist of the statement of the claimant, supported by those of any other parties cognizant of the facts relative to his location, occupancy, possession, improvements, etc.; and in such case of lost records, any deeds, certificates of location or purchase, or other evidence which may be in the claimant's possession and tend to establish his claim, should be filed.

§ 3862.1–5 Statement required that land is unreserved, unoccupied, unimproved, and unappropriated.

Each person making application for patent under the mining laws, for lands in Alaska, must furnish a duly corroborated statement showing that no portion

of the land applied for is occupied or reserved by the United States, so as to prevent its acquisition under said laws; that the land is not occupied or claimed by natives of Alaska; and that the land is unoccupied, unimproved and unappropriated by any person claiming the same other than the applicant.

§ 3862.2 Citizenship.

§ 3862.2–1 Citizenship of corporations and of associations acting through agents.

The proof necessary to establish the citizenship of applicants for mining patents must be made in the following manner: In case of an incorporated company, a certified copy of its charter or certificate of incorporation must be filed. In case of an association of persons unincorporated, the statement of their duly authorized agent, made upon his own knowledge or upon information and belief, setting forth the residence of each person forming such association, must be submitted. This statement must be accompanied by a power of attorney from the parties forming such association, authorizing the person who makes the citizenship showing to act for them in the matter of their application of patent.

§ 3862.2–2 Citizenship of individuals.

(a) In case of an individual or an association of individuals who do not appear by their duly authorized agent, the statement of each applicant, showing whether he is a native or naturalized citizen, when and where born, and his residence, will be required.

(b) In case an applicant has declared his intention to become a citizen or has been naturalized, his statement must show the date, place, and the court before which he declared his intention, or from which his certificate of citizenship issued, and present residence.

§ 3862.2–3 Trustee to disclose nature of trust.

Any party applying for patent as trustee must disclose fully the nature of the trust and the name of the cestui que trust; and such trustee, as well as the beneficiaries, must furnish satisfactory proof of citizenship; and the names of beneficiaries, as well as that of the trustee, must be inserted in the final certificate of entry.

§ 3862.3 Possessory rights.

§ 3862.3–1 Right by occupancy.

(a) The provisions of R.S. 2332 (30 U.S.C. 38), greatly lessen the burden of proof, more especially in the case of old claims located many years since, the records of which, in many cases, have been destroyed by fire, or lost in other ways during the lapse of time, but concerning the possessory right to which all controversy or litigation has long been settled.

(b) When an applicant desires to make his proof of possessory right in accordance with this provision of law, he will not be required to produce evidence of location, copies of conveyances, or abstracts of title, as in other cases, but will be required to furnish a duly certified copy of the statute of limitation of mining claims for the State, together with his statement giving a clear and succinct narration of the facts as to the origin of his title, and likewise as to the continuation of his possession of the mining ground covered by his application; the area thereof; the nature and extent of the mining that has been done thereon; whether there has been any opposition to his possession, or litigation with regard to his claim, and if so, when the same ceased; whether such cessation was caused by compromise or by judicial decree, and any additional facts within the claimant's knowledge having a direct bearing upon his possession and bona fides which he may desire to submit in support of his claim.

§ 3862.3–2 Certificate of court required.

There should likewise be filed a certificate, under seal of the court having jurisdiction of mining cases within the judicial district embracing the claim, that no suit or action of any character whatever involving the right of possession to any portion of the claim applied for is pending, and that there has been no litigation before said court affecting the title to said claim or any part thereof for a period equal to the time fixed by the statute of limitations for mining claims in the State as aforesaid other than that which has been finally decided in favor of the claimant.

§ 3862.3–3 Corroborative proof required.

The claimant should support his narrative of facts relative to his possession, occupancy, and improvements by corroborative testimony of any disinterested person or persons of credibility who may be cognizant of the facts in the case and are capable of testifying understandingly in the premises.

§ 3862.4 Publication of notice.

§ 3862.4–1 Newspaper designation.

Upon the receipt of applications for mineral patent and accompanying papers, if no reason appears for rejecting the application, the manager will, at the expense of the claimant (who must furnish the agreement of the publisher to hold applicant for patent alone responsible for charges of publication), publish a notice of such application for the period of 60 days in a newspaper published nearest to the claim. If the notice is published in a daily paper, it shall be published in the Wednesday issue for nine consecutive weeks; if weekly, in nine consecutive issues; if semiweekly or triweekly, in the issue of the same day of each week for nine consecutive weeks. In all cases the first day of issues shall be excluded in estimating the period of 60 days.

§ 3862.4–2 Contents of published notice.

The notices published as required by the preceding section must embrace all the data given in the notice posted upon the claim. In addition to such data the

published notice must further indicate the locus of the claim by giving the connecting line, as shown by the field notes and plat, between a corner of the claim and a United States mineral monument or a corner of the public survey, and thence the boundaries of the claim by courses and distances.

§ 3862.4–3 Manager to designate newspaper.

The manager shall have the notice of application for patent published in a paper of established character and general circulation, to be by him designated as being the newspaper published nearest the land.

§ 3862.4–4 Charges for publication.

(a) The charge for the publication of notice of application for patent in a mining case in all districts shall not exceed the legal rates allowed by the laws of the several States for the publication of legal notices wherein the notice is published.

(b) It is expected that these notices shall not be so abbreviated as to curtail the description essential to a perfect notice, and on the other hand that they shall not be of unnecessary length. The printed matter must be set solid without paragraphing or any display in the heading and shall be in the usual body type used in legal notices. If other type is used, no allowance will be made for additional space on that account. The number of solid lines only used in advertising by actual count will be allowed. All abbreviations and copy must be strictly followed. The following is a sample of advertisement set up in accordance with Government requirements and contains all the essential data necessary for publication:

M. A. No. 04421, U. S. Land Office, Elko Nevada, October 5, 1921. Notice is hereby given that the Jarbidge Buhl Mining Company by W. H. Hudson, attorney in fact, of Jarbidge, Nevada, has made application for patent to the Altitude, Altitude No. 1, Altitude No. 3, and Altitude Annex, lode mining claims, Survey No. 4470, in unsurveyed T. 46 N., R. 58 E., M. D. B. and M., in the Jarbidge mining district, Elko County, Nevada, described as follows: Beginning at corner No. 1, Altitude No. 3, whence the quarter corner of the south boundary of sec. 34 T. 46 N., R. 58 E., M. D. B. and M., bears south 41°54′ west 7285.63 feet, thence north 20° 14′ west 1500 feet to corner No. 2 of said lode; thence north 69°46′ east 569 feet to corner No. 3 of said lode; thence south 20°14′ east 417.5 feet to corner 2, Altitude No. 1; thence north 69°46′ east 1606.1 feet to corner No. 3, Altitude lode; thence south 20°14′ east 1500 feet, to corner No. 4 of said lode; thence south 69°46′ west 1606.1 feet, to corner No. 1, Altitude No. 1 lode; thence North 20°14′ west 417.5 feet to corner No. 4, Altitude No. 3; thence south 69°46′ west 569 feet to point of beginning. There are no adjoining or conflicting claims. The location notices are recorded in Book 17, pages 373 and 374, and in Book 15, pages 52 and 53, mining locations, Elko County, Nevada, John E. Robbins, Manager.

(c) For the publication of citations in contests or hearings, involving the character of lands, the charges may not exceed the rates provided for similar notices by the law of the State.

§ 3862.4–5 Proof by applicant of publication and posting.

After the 60-day period of newspaper publication has expired, the claimant will furnish from the office of publication a sworn statement that the notice was published for the statutory period, giving the first and last day of such publication, and his own statement showing that the plat and notice aforesaid remained conspicuously posted upon the claim sought to be patented during said 60-day publication, giving the dates.

§ 3862.4–6 Payment of purchase price and statement of charges and fees.

Upon the filing of the statement required by the preceding section, the manager will, if no adverse claim was filed in his office during the period of publication, and no other objection appears, permit the claimant to pay for the land to which he is entitled at the rate of $5 for each acre and $5 for each fractional part of an acre, except as otherwise provided by law, issuing the usual receipt therefor. The claimant will also make a statement of all charges and fees paid by him for publication and surveys, together with all fees and money paid the manager of the land office, and a patent shall be issued thereon if found regular.

§ 3862.5 Entry and transfers.

§ 3862.5–1 Allowance of entry; transfers subsequent to application not recognized.

No entry will be allowed until the manager has satisfied himself, by careful examination, that proper proofs have been filed upon the points indicated in the law and official regulations. Transfers made subsequent to the filing of the application for patent will not be considered, but entry will be allowed and patent issued in all cases in the name of the applicant for patent, the title conveyed by the patent, of course, in each instance inuring to the transferee of such applicant where a transfer has been made pending the application for patent.

§ 3862.6 Diligent prosecution.

§ 3862.6–1 Failure to prosecute application with diligence.

The failure of an applicant for patent to a mining claim to prosecute his application to completion, by filing the necessary proofs and making payment for the land, within a reasonable time after the expiration of the period of publication of notice of the application, or after the termination of adverse proceedings in the courts, constitutes a waiver by the applicant of all rights obtained by the earlier proceedings upon the application.

§ 3862.7 Application processing upon contest or protest.

§ 3862.7–1 Resumption of patent proceedings after suspension due to adverse claim or protest.

The proceedings necessary to the completion of an application for patent to a mining claim, against which an adverse claim or protest has been filed, if taken

by the applicant at the first opportunity afforded therefor under the law and departmental practice, will be as effective as if taken at the date when, but for the adverse claim or protest, the proceedings on the application could have been completed.

§ 3862.8 Patents for mining claims.

§ 3862.8–1 Land descriptions in patents.

The land description in a patent for a lode mining claim, for a millsite, or for a placer claim not consisting of legal subdivisions, shall hereafter consist of the names and survey numbers of the claims being patented and those being excluded, or of the names of the excluded claims if they are unsurveyed, or of the legal subdivisions of excluded land covered by homestead or other nonmineral entry. The land description shall refer to the field notes of survey and the plat thereof for a more particular description and the patent shall expressly make them a part thereof. Where shown by the mineral entry the patent shall give the actual or approximate legal subdivision, section, township and range, the name of the county and of the mining district, if any, wherein the claims are situated. A copy of the plat and field notes of each mineral survey patented will be furnished to the patentee.

Subpart 3863—Placer Mining Claim Patent Applications

§ 3863.1 Placer mining claim patent applications; general.

(a) The proceedings to obtain patents for placer claims, including all forms of mineral deposits excepting veins of quartz or other rock in place, are similar to the proceedings prescribed for obtaining patents for vein or lode claims; but where a placer claim shall be upon surveyed lands, and conforms to legal subdivisions, no further survey or plat will be required. Where placer claims cannot be conformed to legal subdivisions, survey and plat shall be made as on unsurveyed lands.

(b) The price of placer claims is fixed at $2.50 per acre or fractional part of an acre

§ 3863.1–1 Application for patent.

§ 3863.1–2 Proof of improvements for patent.

The proof of improvements must show their value to be not less than $500 and that they were made by the applicant for patent or his grantors. This proof should consist of the statement of two or more disinterested witnesses.

§ 3863.1–3 Data to be filed in support of application.

(a) In placer applications, in addition to the recitals necessary in and to both vein or lode and placer applications, the placer application should contain, in detail, such data as will support the claim that the land applied for is placer ground containing valuable mineral deposits not in vein or lode formation and that title is sought not to control water courses or to obtain valuable timber but in good faith because of the mineral therein. This statement, of course, must depend upon the character of the deposit and the natural features of the ground, but the following details should be covered as fully as possible: If the claim be for a deposit of placer gold, there must be stated the yield per pan, or cubic yard, as shown by prospecting and development work, distance to bedrock, formation and extent of the deposit, and all other facts upon which he bases his allegation that the claim is valuable for its deposits of placer gold. If it be a building stone or other deposit than gold claimed under the placer laws, he must describe fully the kind, nature, and extent of the deposit, stating the reasons why same is by him regarded as a valuable mineral claim. He will also be required to describe fully the natural features of the claim; streams, if any, must be fully described as to their course, amount of water carried, fall within the claim; and he must state kind and amount of timber and other vegetation thereon and adaptability to mining or other uses.

(b) If the claim be all placer ground, that fact must be stated in the application and corroborated by accompanying proofs; if of mixed placers and lodes, it should be so set out, with a description of all known lodes situated within the boundaries of the claim. A specific declaration, such as is required by R.S. 2333 (30 U.S.C. 37) must be furnished as to each lode intended to be claimed. All other known lodes are, by the silence of the applicant, excluded by law from all claim by him, of whatsoever nature, possessory or otherwise.

(c) While these data are required as a part of the mineral surveyor's report in case of placers taken by special survey, it is proper that the application for patent incorporate these facts.

(d) Inasmuch as in case of claims taken by legal subdivisions, no report by a mineral surveyor is required, the claimant, in his application in addition to the data above required, should describe in detail the shafts, cuts, tunnels, or other workings claimed as improvements, giving their dimensions, value, and the course and distance thereof to the nearest corner of the public surveys.

(e) The statement as to the description and value of the improvements must be corroborated by the statements of two disinterested witnesses. The proof showing must be made in duplicate. See 51 L.D. 265 and 52 L.D. 190.

(f) Applications awaiting entry, whether published or not, must be made to conform to this part, with respect to proof as to the character of the land. Entries already made will be suspended for such additional proofs as may be deemed necessary in each case.

§ 3863.1–4 Applications for placers containing known lodes.

Applicants for patent to a placer claim, who are also in possession of a known vein or lode included therein, must state in their application that the placer includes such vein or lode. The published and posted notices must also include such statement. If veins or lodes lying within placer locations are owned by other parties, the fact should be distinctly stated in the application for patent and in all the notices. But in all cases whether the lode is claimed or excluded, it must be surveyed and marked upon the plat, the field notes and plat giving the area of the lode claim or claims and the area of the placer separately. An application which omits to claim such known vein or lode must be construed as a conclusive declaration that the applicant has no right of possession to the vein or lode. Where there is no known lode or vein, the fact must appear by the statement of two or more witnessess.

Subpart 3864—Mill Site Patents

§ 3864.1 Mill site patents; general.

§ 3864.1–1 Application for patent.

(a) Land entered as a mill site must be shown to be nonmineral. Mill sites are simply auxiliary to the working of mineral claims. R.S. 2337 (30 U.S.C. 42) provides for the patenting of mill sites.

(b) To avail themselves of this provision of law, parties holding the possessory right to a vein or lode claim, and to a piece of nonmineral land not contiguous thereto for mining or milling purposes, not exceeding the quantity allowed for such purpose by R.S. 2337, or prior laws, under which the land was appropriated, the proprietors of such vein or lode may file in the proper land office their application for a patent, which application, together with the plat and field notes, may include, embrace, and describe, in addition to the vein or lode claim, such noncontiguous mill site, and after due proceedings as to notice, etc., a patent will be issued conveying the same as one claim. The owner of a patented lode may, by an independent application, secure a mill site, if good faith is manifest in its use or occupation in connection with the lode and no adverse claim exists.

(c) The act of March 18, 1960 (74 Stat. 7; 43 U.S.C. 42(b)), amends R.S. 2337 to allow the holders of possessory right in a placer claim to hold nonmineral land for mining, milling, processing beneficiation, or other operations in connection with the placer claim. Applications for patent for such mill sites are subject to the same requirements as to survey and notice as one applicable to placer mining claims. No one mill site may exceed five acres and payment will be $2.50 per acre or fraction thereof.

§ 3864.1–2 Mill sites applied for in conjunction with a lode claim.

Where the original survey includes a lode claim and also a mill site the lode claim should be described in the plat and field notes as "Sur. No. 37, A," and the mill site as "Sur. No. 37, B," or whatever may be its appropriate numerical designation; the course and distance from a corner of the mill site to a corner of the lode claim to be invariably given in such plat and field notes, and a copy of the plat and notice of application for patent must be conspicuously posted upon the mill site as well as upon the vein or lode claim for the statutory period of 60 days. In making the entry no separate receipt or certificate need be issued for the mill site, but the whole area of both lode and mill site will be embraced in one entry, the price being $5 for each acre and fractional part of an acre embraced by such lode and mill site claim.

§ 3864.1–3 Mill sites for quartz mills or reduction works.

In case the owner of a quartz mill or reduction works is not the owner or claimant of a vein or lode claim the law permits him to make application therefor in the same manner prescribed for mining claims, and after due notice and proceedings, in the absence of a valid adverse filing, to enter and receive a patent for his mill site at the price named in the preceding section.

§ 3864.1–4 Proof of nonmineral character.

In every case there must be satisfactory proof that the land claimed as a mill site is not mineral in character, which proof may, where the matter is unquestioned, consist of the statement of two or more persons capable, from acquaintance with the land to testify understandingly.

PART 3870—ADVERSE CLAIMS, PROTESTS AND CONFLICTS

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Subpart 3871—Adverse Claims

§ 3871.1 Filing of claim.

(a) An adverse claim must be filed with the manager of the land office where the application for patent is filed or with the manager of the district in which the land is situated at the time of filing the adverse claim. The claim may be filed by the adverse claimant, or by his duly authorized agent or attorney in fact cognizant of the facts stated.

(b) Where an agent or attorney in fact files the adverse claim he must furnish proof that he is such agent or attorney.

(c) The agent or attorney in fact must sign the statement of the adverse claim within the land district where the claim is situated, stating that it was so signed.

(d) A fee of $10 is payable by an adverse claimant at the time of filing his adverse claim. This charge is not refundable.

§ 3871.2 Statement of claim.

(a) The adverse claim must fully set forth the nature and extent of the interference or conflict; whether the adverse party claims as a purchaser for valuable consideration or as a locator. If the former, a certified copy of the original location, the original conveyance, a duly certified copy thereof, or an abstract of title from the office of the proper recorder should be furnished, or if the transaction was a merely verbal one he will narrate the circumstances attending the purchase, the date thereof, and the amount paid, which facts should be supported by the statement of one or more witnesses, if any were present at the time, and if he claims as a locator he must file a duly certified copy of the location from the office of the proper recorder.

(b) In order that the "boundaries" and "extent" of the claim may be shown, it will be incumbent upon the adverse claimant to file a plat showing his entire claim, its relative situation or position with the one against which he claims, and the extent of the conflict: *Provided, however,* That if the application for patent describes the claim by legal subdivisions, the adverse claimant, if also claiming by legal subdivisions, may describe his adverse claim in the same manner without further survey or plat. If the claim is not described by legal subdivisions it will generally be more satisfactory if the plat thereof is made from an actual survey by a mineral surveyor and its correctness officially certified thereon by him.

§ 3871.3 Action by manager.

(a) Upon the adverse claim being filed within the 60-day period of publication, the manager will immediately give notice in writing to the parties that such adverse claim has been filed, informing them that the party who filed the adverse claim will be required within 30 days from the date of such filing to commence proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction to determine the question of right of possession, and to prosecute the same with reasonable diligence to final judgment, and that should such adverse claimant fail to do so, his adverse claim will be considered waived and the application for patent be allowed to proceed upon its merits.

(b) The Act of September 21, 1961 (P.L. 87–260; 75 Stat. 541) amends the Act of June 7, 1910 (36 Stat. 459; 48 U.S.C. 386), and provides that adverse suits against mineral entries in Alaska shall be instituted within the 60-day time limit set forth in R.S. 2325 and 2326, (30 U.S.C. 29, 30). The act further provides that where a mineral patent application was filed prior to the effective date of the act, the time in which to file adverse suits is governed by the Act of June 7, 1910. Where a mineral patent application was filed prior to September 21, 1961, the entry will not be allowed until after the expiration of eight months following the publication period.

§ 3871.4 Patent proceedings stayed when adverse claim is filed; exception.

When an adverse claim is filed as aforesaid, the manager will endorse upon the same the precise date of filing and preserve a record of the date of notifications issued thereon; and thereafter all proceedings on the application for patent will be stayed with the exception of the completion of the publication and posting of notices and plat and the filing of the necessary proof thereof, until the controversy shall have been finally adjudicated in court or the adverse claim waived or withdrawn.

§ 3871.5 Termination of adverse suit.

(a) Where an adverse claim has been filed and suit thereon commenced within the statutory period and final judgment rendered determining the right of possession, it will not be sufficient to file with the manager a certificate of the clerk of the court setting forth the facts as to such judgment, but the successful

party must, before he is allowed to make entry, file a certified copy of the judgment roll, together with the other evidence required by R.S. 2326 (30 U.S.C. 30), and a certificate of the clerk of the court under the seal of the court showing, in accord with the record facts of the case, that the judgment mentioned and described in the judgment roll aforesaid is a final judgment; that the time for appeal therefrom has, under the law, expired, and that no such appeal has been filed, or that the defeated party has waived his right to appeal. Other evidence showing such waiver or an abandonment of the litigation may be filed.

(b) Where such suit has been dismissed, a certificate of the clerk of the court to that effect or a certified copy of the order of dismissal will be sufficient.

(c) After an adverse claim has been filed and suit commenced, a relinquishment or other evidence of abandonment of the adverse claim will not be accepted, but the case must be terminated and proof thereof furnished as required by the last two paragraphs.

§ 3871.6 Certificate required when no suit commenced.

Where an adverse claim has been filed but no suit commenced against the applicant for patent within the statutory period, a certificate to that effect by the clerk of the State court having jurisdiction in the case, and also by the clerk of the district court of the United States for the district in which the claim is situated, will be required.

Subpart 3872—Protests, Contests and Conflicts

§ 3872.1 Protest against mineral applications.

(a) At any time prior to the issuance of patent, protest may be filed against the patenting of the claim as applied for, upon any ground tending to show that the applicant has failed to comply with the law in any matter essential to a valid entry under the patent proceedings. Such protest cannot, however, be made the means of preserving a surface conflict lost by failure to adverse or lost by the judgment of the court in an adverse suit. One holding a present joint interest in a mineral location included in an application for patent who is excluded from the application, so that his interest would not be protected by the issue of patent thereon, may protest against the issuance of a patent as applied for, setting forth in such protest the nature and extent of his interest in such location, and such a protestant will be deemed a party in interest entitled to appeal. This results from the holding that a co-owner excluded from an application for patent does not have an "adverse" claim within the meaning of R.S. 2325 and 2326 (30 U.S.C. 29, 30). (See Turner v. Sawyer, 150 U.S. 578–586, 37 L. ed. 1189–1191.)

(b) Such protest filed by any party, other than a Federal agency, must be accompanied by a $10 nonrefundable service charge.

§ 3872.2 Procedure in contest cases.

Parts 1840 and 1850 of this chapter, in cases before the United States, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Department of the Interior will, so far as applicable, govern in all cases and proceedings arising in contests and hearings to determine the character of lands.

§ 3872.3 Presumption as to land returned as mineral.

Public land returned upon the survey records as mineral shall be withheld from entry as agricultural land until the presumption arising from such a return shall be overcome.

§ 3872.4 Procedure to dispute record character of land.

(a) When lands returned as mineral are sought to be entered as agricultural under laws which require the submission of final proof after due notice by publication and posting, the filing of the proper nonmineral statement in the absence of allegations that the land is mineral will be deemed sufficient as a preliminary requirement. A satisfactory showing as to character of land must be made when final proof is submitted.

(b) In case of application to enter, locate, or select such lands as agricultural, under laws in which the submission of final proof after due publication and posting is not required, notice thereof must first be given by publication for 60 days and posting in the local office during the same period, and affirmative proof as to the character of the land submitted. In the absence of allegations that the land is mineral, and upon compliance with this requirement, the entry location, or selection will be allowed, if otherwise regular.

(c) Where as against the claimed right to enter such lands as agricultural it is alleged that the same are mineral, or are applied for as mineral lands, the proceedings in this class of cases will be in the nature of a contest, and the practice will be governed by the rules in force in contest cases.

§ 3872.5 Testimony at hearings to determine character of lands.

(a) At hearings to determine the character of lands the claimants and witnesses will be thoroughly examined with regard to the character of the land; whether the same has been thoroughly prospected; whether or not there exists within the tract or tracts claimed any lode or vein of quartz or other rock in place bearing gold, silver, cinnabar, lead, tin, copper, or other valuable deposit which has ever been claimed, located, recorded, or worked; whether such work is entirely

abandoned, or whether occasionally resumed; if such lode does exist, by whom claimed, under what designation, and in which subdivision of the land it lies; whether any placer mine or mines exist upon the land; if so, what is the character thereof, whether of the shallow-surface description, or of the deep cement, blue lead, or gravel deposits; to what extent mining is carried on when water can be obtained, and what the facilities are for obtaining water for mining purposes; upon what particular 10-acre subdivisions mining has been done, and at what time the land was abandoned for mining purposes, if abandoned at all. In every case, where practicable, an adequate quantity or number of representative samples of the alleged mineral-bearing matter or material should be offered in evidence, with proper identification, to be considered in connection with the record, with which they will be transmitted upon each appeal that may be taken. Testimony may be submitted as to the geological formation and development of mineral on adjoining or adjacent lands and their relevancy.

(b) The testimony should also show the agricultural capacities of the land, what kind of crops are raised thereon, the value thereof; the number of acres actually cultivated for crops of cereals or vegetables, and within which particular 10-acre subdivision such crops are raised; also which of these subdivisions embrace the improvements, giving in detail the extent and value of the improvements, such as house, barn, vineyard, orchard, fencing, etc., and mining improvements.

(c) The testimony should be as full and complete as possible; and in addition to the leading points indicated above, where an attempt is made to prove the mineral character of lands which have been entered under the agricultural laws, it should show at what date, if at all, valuable deposits of minerals were first known to exist on the lands.

Subpart 3873—Segregation

§ 3873.1 Segregation of mineral from non-mineral land.

Where a survey is necessary to set apart mineral from non-mineral land the appropriate authorized officer will have special instructions prepared outlining the procedure to be followed in the required survey. The survey will be executed at the expense of the United States. Where, in stock-raising homestead entries, it has been satisfactorily established that there are existent prior unpatented mining claims, the segregation of the latter is not strictly a segregation of mineral from non-mineral land, but rather the procedure adopted to define the boundaries of and provide a legal description for that part of the homestead entry which is not within the segregated mining claims.

§ 3873.2 Effect of decision that land is mineral.

The fact that a certain tract of land is decided upon testimony to be mineral in character is by no means equivalent to an award of the land to a miner. In order to secure a patent for such land, he must proceed as in other cases, in accordance with this part.

§ 3873.3 Non-mineral entry of residue of subdivisions invaded by mining claims.

(a) The manager will accept and approve any application (if otherwise regular), to make a non-mineral entry of the residue of any original lot or legal subdivision which is invaded by mining claims if the tract has already been lotted to exclude such claims. If not so lotted, and if the original lot or legal subdivision is invaded by patented mining claims, or by mining claims covered by pending applications for patent which the non-mineral applicant does not desire to contest, or by approved mining claims of established mineral character, the manager will accept and approve the application (if otherwise regular), exclusive of the conflict with the mining claims.

(b) The manager will allow no non-mineral application for any portion of an original lot or 40-acre legal subdivision, where the tract has not been lotted to show the reduced area by reason of approved surveys of mining claims for which applications for patent have not been filed, until the non-mineral applicant submits a satisfactory showing that such surveyed claims are in fact mineral in character. Applications to have lands which are asserted to be mineral, or mining locations, segregated by survey with a view to the non-mineral appropriation of the remainder, will be made to the manager of the land office. Such applications must be supported by a written statement of the party in interest, duly corroborated by two or more disinterested persons, or by such other or further evidence as may be required, that the land sought to be segregated as mineral is in fact mineral in character.

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As corrected, paragraph (a) of § 2921.0–6 of Subpart 2921 reads as follows:

§ 2921.0–6 Policy.

(a) No permits will be issued for lands within rights-of-way, within 660 feet of the edge of the rights-of-way of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways (Interstate System) and the primary system (title 23, United States Code), or for displays which would be visible from such highways.

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Subpart 2520—Desert Land Entries—General

§ 2520.0–1 Purpose.

(a) It is the purpose of the statutes governing desert-land entries to encourage and promote the reclamation, by irrigation, of the arid and semiarid public lands of the Western States through individual effort and private capital, it being assumed that settlement and occupation will naturally follow when the lands have thus been rendered more productive and habitable.

§ 2520.0–3 Authority.

The act of March 3, 1877 (19 Stat. 377; 43 U.S.C. 321–323) as amended by the act of March 3, 1891 (26 Stat. 1096; 43 U.S.C. 321, 323, 325, 327–329), provides for the making of desert-land entries in the States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

§ 2520.0–5 Definitions.

(a) As used in the desert-land laws and the regulations of this subpart:

(1) "Reclamation" requires conducting water in adequate amounts and quality to the land so as to render it available for distribution when needed for irrigation and cultivation.

(2) "Cultivation" requires the operation, practice, or act of tillage or preparation of land for seed, and keeping the ground in a state favorable for the growth of crops.

(3) "Irrigation" requires the application of water to land for the purpose of growing crops.

(4) "Crop" includes any agricultural product to which the land under consideration is generally adapted and which would return a fair reward for the expense of producing it.

(5) "Water supply", to be adequate, must be sufficient to irrigate successfully and to reclaim all of the irrigable land embraced in an entry.

(6) "Water right" means the authority, whether by prior ownership, contract, purchase, or appropriation in accordance with state law, to use water on the land to be irrigated.

§ 2520.0–7 Cross references:

(a) For assignment of desert-land entries within Government reclamation projects, see § 2524.5(a).

(b) For provisions under Appeals and Hearings see Parts 1840 and 1850 of this chapter.

(c) For relinquishments, in general, see Subpart 1825 of this chapter.

(d) For residence and cultivation requirements under the homestead laws, see §§ 2511.-4–2(a).

§ 2520.0–8 Land subject to disposition.

(a) *Land that may be entered as desert land.* (1) As the desert-land law requires the artificial irrigation of any land entered thereunder, lands which are not susceptible of irrigation by practicable means are not deemed subject to entry as desert lands. The question as to whether any particular tract sought to be entered as desert land is in fact irrigable from the source proposed by the applicant will be investigated and determined before the application for entry

is allowed. In order to be subject to entry under the desert-land law, public lands must be not only irrigable but also surveyed, unreserved, unappropriated, non-mineral (except lands withdrawn, classified, or valuable for coal, phosphate, nitrate, potash, sodium, sulphur, oil, gas or asphaltic minerals, which may be entered with a reservation of such mineral deposits, as explained in Subpart 2093 nontimbered, and such as will not, without artificial irrigation, produce any reasonably remunerative agricultural crop by the usual means or methods of cultivation. In this latter class are those lands which, one year with another for a series of years, will not without irrigation produce paying crops, but on which crops can be successfully grown in alternate years by means of the so-called dry-farming system. (37 L.D. 522 and 42 L.D. 524.)

(2) Applications to make desert-land entries of lands embraced in applications, permits, or leases under the act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437), if in all other respects complete, will be treated in accordance with §§ 2093.0–3 to 2093.0–7. Applications to make desert-land entries of lands within a naval petroleum reserve must be rejected, as no desert-land entry may be allowed for such lands.

(3) Land that has been effectually reclaimed is not subject to desert land entry.

(b) *Quantity of lands that may be entered.* An entry of lands under the act of March 3, 1877, is limited to 320 acres, subject to the following additional limitations:

(1) An entry of lands within an irrigation district which the Secretary of the Interior or his delegate has approved under the act of August 11, 1916 (39 Stat. 506; 43 U.S.C. 621–630), is limited to 160 acres.

(2) An entryman may have a desert-land entry for such a quantity of land as, taken together with all land acquired and claimed by him under the other agricultural land laws since August 30, 1890, does not exceed 320 acres in the aggregate, or 480 acres if he shall have made an enlarged homestead entry of 320 acres (acts of August 30, 1890; 26 Stat. 391; 43 U.S.C. 212; and of February 27, 1917; 39 Stat. 946; 43 U.S.C. 330).

(c) *Entries restricted to surveyed lands.* Unsurveyed public land withdrawn by Executive Orders Nos. 6910 and 6964 of November 26, 1934, and February 5, 1935, respectively, is not subject to appropriation, under the desert-land laws, until such appropriation has been authorized by classification. (See Parts 2410, 2420, and 2430.)

(d) *Economic unit requirements, compactness.* (1) One or more tracts of public lands may be included in a desert land entry and the tracts so entered need not be contiguous. All the tracts entered, however, shall be sufficiently close to each other to be managed satisfactorily as an economic unit. In addition, the lands in the entry must be in as compact a form as possible taking into consideration the character of available public lands and the effect of allowance of the entry on the remaining public lands in the area.

(2) In addition to the other requirements of the regulations in this part, applicants for desert land entry must submit with their applications information showing that the tracts applied for are sufficiently close to each other to be managed satisfactorily as an economic unit and that the lands in the application are as compact as possible in the circumstances.

(3) In determining whether an entry can be allowed in the form sought, the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management will take into consideration such factors as the topography of the applied for and adjoining lands, the availability of public lands near the lands sought, the private lands farmed by the applicant, the farming systems and practices common to the locality and the character of the lands sought, and the practicability of farming the lands as an economically feasible operating unit.

Subpart 2521—Procedures

§ 2521.1 Who may make desert-land entry.

(a) *Citizenship.* (1) Any citizen of the United States 21 years of age, or any person of that age who has declared his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States, and who can truthfully make the statements specified in paragraphs 2520.0–8(c) and 2521.2(a) can make a desert-land entry. Thus, a woman, whether married or single, who possesses the necessary qualifications, can make a desert-land entry, and, if married, without taking into consideration any entries her husband may have made.

(2) At the time of making final proof claimants of alien birth must have been admitted to citizenship, but evidence of naturalization need not be furnished if it has already been filed in connection with the original declaration or with the proof of an assignment of the entry.

(b) *Second and additional entries.* A person's right of entry under the desert-land law is exhausted either by filing an allowable application and withdrawing it prior to its allowance or by making an entry or by taking an assignment of an entry, in whole or in part, except under the conditions described in subparagraphs (1) and (2) of this paragraph.

(1) Under the act of September 5, 1914 (38 Stat. 712; 43 U.S.C. 182), if a person, otherwise duly qualified to make a desert-land entry, has previously filed an allowable application, or made such entry or entries and through no fault of

his own has lost, forfeited, or abandoned the same, such person may make another entry. In such case, however, it must be shown that the prior application, entry, or entries were made in good faith, and were lost, forfeited, or abandoned because of matters beyond the applicant's control, and that the applicant has not speculated in his right, nor committed a fraud or attempted fraud in connection with such prior entry or entries. As the assignment of an entry involves no loss, forfeiture, or abandonment thereof, but carries a benefit to the assignor, it is held to exhaust his right of entry under the desert-land law. Hence, no person who has assigned such entry, in whole or in part, will be permitted to make another entry or to take one or any part thereof by assignment except where subparagraph (2) of this paragraph applies.

(2) The act of June 16 1955 (69 Stat. 138) authorizes any person who prior to June 16, 1955, made a valid desert-land entry on lands subject to the acts of June 22, 1910 (36 Stat. 583; 30 U.S.C. 33–85), or of July 17, 1914 (38 Stat. 509; 30 U.S.C. 121–123), if otherwise qualified to enter as a personal privilege not assignable, an additional tract of desert land, providing such additional tract shall not, together with the original entry, exceed 320 acres. Applicants and entrymen under the act of June 16, 1955, are subject to, and must comply with, all the regulations of this part, including the acreage limitations of § 2520.0–8(b).

§ 2521.2 Petitions and applications.

(a) *Filing and fees.* (1) A person who desires to enter public lands under the desert land laws must file an application together with a petition on forms approved by the Director, properly executed. However, if the lands described in the application have been already classified and opened for disposition under the desert land laws, no petition is required. The documents must be filed in the proper land office (see § 1821.2–1 of this chapter).

(2) All applications must be accompanied by an application service fee of $15 which is not returnable, and the payment of 25 cents per acre for the lands therein described as required by law.

(b) *Post-office addresses of applicants and witnesses.* **Applicants and witnesses must in all cases state their places of actual residence, their business or occupation, and their post-office addresses. It is not sufficient to name only the county or State in which a person lives, but the town or city must be named also; and where the residence is in a city the street and number must be given. It is especially important to claimants that upon changing their post-office addresses they promptly notify the manager of such change, for in case of failure to do so their entries may be canceled upon notice sent to the address of record but not received by them.**

(c) *Execution of applications and proofs; time for filing of applications.* (1) Applications and proofs, except final proofs required by R.S. 2294 (43 U.S.C. 254), must be signed by the applicants but need not be under oath. Final proofs may be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths in public land cases, as explained by § 1821.3–2 of this chapter.

(2) An application to make desert-land entry is not acceptable if dated more than 10 days before its filing at the land office.

(d) *Evidence of water rights required with application.* No desert-land application will be allowed unless accompanied by evidence satisfactorily showing either that the intending entryman has already acquired by appropriation, purchase, or contract a right to the permanent use of sufficient water to irrigate and reclaim all of the irrigable portion of the land sought, or that he has initiated and prosecuted, as far as then possible, appropriate steps looking to the acquisition of such a right, or, in States where no permit or right to appropriate water is granted until the land embraced within the application is classified as suitable for desert-land entry or the entry is allowed, a showing that the applicant is otherwise qualified under State law to secure such permit or right. If applicant intends to procure water from an irrigation district, corporation, or association, but is unable to obtain a contract for the water in advance of the allowance of his entry, then he must furnish, in lieu of the contract, some written assurance from the responsible officials of such district, corporation, or association that, if his entry be allowed, applicant will be able to obtain from that source the necessary water. The manager will examine the evidence submitted in such applications and either reject defective applications or require additional evidence.

§ 2521.3 Assignment.

(a) *Lands which may be assigned.* While by the act of March 3, 1891 (26 Stat. 1096; 43 U.S.C. 329), assignments of desert-land entries were recognized, the Department of the Interior, largely for administrative reasons, held that a desert-land entry might be assigned as a whole or in its entirety, but refused to recognize the assignment of only a portion of an entry. The act of March 28, 1908, however, provides for an assignment of such entries, in whole or in part, but this does not mean that less than a legal subdivision may be assigned. Therefore no assignment, otherwise than by legal subdivisions, will be recognized. The legal subdivisions assigned must be contiguous.

(b) *Qualifications of assignees.* (1) The act of March 28, 1908, also provides that no person may take a desert-land entry by assignment unless he is qualified to enter the tract so assigned to

him. Therefore, if a person is not at least 21 years of age and, excepting Nevada, a resident citizen of the State wherein the land involved is located; or if he is not a citizen of the United States, or a person who has declared his intention to become a citizen thereof; or, if he has made a desert-land entry in his own right and is not entitled under § 2521.1 to make a second or an additional entry, he cannot take such an entry by assignment. The language of the act indicates that the taking of an entry by assignment is equivalent to the making of an entry, and this being so, no person is allowed to take more than one entry by assignment, unless it be done as the exercise of a right of second or additional entry.

(2) A person who has the right to make a second or additional desert-land entry may exercise that right by taking an assignment of a desert-land entry, or part of such entry, if he is otherwise qualified to make a desert-land entry for the particular tract assigned.

(3) The act of March 28, 1908, also provides that no assignment to or for the benefit of any corporation shall be authorized or recognized.

(c) *Showing required of assignees; recognition of assignments.* (1) As evidence of the assignment there should be transmitted to the manager the original deed of assignment or a certified copy thereof. Where the deed of assignment is recorded a certified copy may be made by the officer who has custody of the record. Where the original deed is presented to an officer qualified to take proof in desert-land cases, a copy certified by such officer will be accepted.

(2) An assignee must file with his deed of assignment, a statement on a form approved by the Director, showing his qualifications to take the entry assigned to him. He must show what applications or entries, if any, have been made by him or what entries assigned to him under the agricultural public land laws, and he must also show his qualifications as a citizen of the United States; that he is 21 years of age or over; and also that he is a resident citizen of the State in which the land assigned to him is situated, except in the State of Nevada, where citizenship of the United States only is required. If the assignee is not a native-born citizen of the United States, he should also furnish a statement as to his citizenship status in accordance with Subpart 1811 of this chapter. If the assignee is a woman, she should in all cases state whether she is married, and if so, she must make the showing required by Subpart 1811 of this chapter. Desert-land entries are initiated by the payment of 25 cents per acre, and no assignable right is acquired by the application prior to such payment. (6 L.D. 541, 33 L.D. 152.) An assignment made on the day of such payment, or soon thereafter, is treated as suggesting fraud, and such cases will be carefully scrutinized. The provisions of law authorizing the assignment of desert entries, in whole or in part, furnish no authority to a claimant under said law to make an executory contract to convey the land after the issuance of patent and thereafter to proceed with the submission of final proof in furtherance of such contract. (34 L.D. 383.) The sale of land embraced in an entry at any time before final payment is made must be regarded as an assignment of the entry, and in such cases the person buying the land must show that he possesses all the qualifications required of an assignee. (29 L.D. 453.) The assignor of a desert-land entry may execute the assignment before any officer authorized to take acknowledgements of deeds. The assignee must furnish a statement on a form approved by the Director as to his qualifications.

(3) No assignments of desert-land entries or parts of entries are conclusive until examined in the land office and found satisfactory and the assignment recognized. When recognized, however, the assignee takes the place of the assignor as effectively as though he had made the entry, and is subject to any requirement that may be made relative thereto. The assignment of a desert-land entry to one disqualified to acquire title under the desert-land law, and to whom, therefore, recognition of the assignment is refused by the manager, does not of itself render the entry fraudulent, but leaves the right thereto in the assignor. In such connection, however, see 42 L.D. 90 and 48 L.D. 519.

(4) All applications for recognition of assignment of desert-land entries must be accompanied by an application service fee of $10 which will not be returnable.

§ 2521.4 When lands may be sold, taxed, or mortgaged.

(a) After final proof and payment have been made the land may be sold and conveyed to another person without the approval of the Bureau of Land Management, but all such conveyances are nevertheless subject to the superior rights of the United States, and the title so contained would fall if it should be finally determined that the entry was illegal or that the entryman had failed to comply with the law.

(b) Lands embraced in unperfected desert-land entries are not subject to taxation by the State authorities, nor to levy and sale under execution to satisfy judgments against the entrymen, except as hereinafter set forth in this section.

(c) Lands embraced in desert-land entries within an irrigation district which the Secretary of the Interior has approved under the act of August 11, 1916 (39 Stat. 506; 43 U.S.C. 621–630),

may be taxed and otherwise dealt with as provided by said act, and lands in desert-land entries within irrigation projects constructed under the Reclamation Act may be taxed as provided for by the act of June 13, 1930 (46 Stat. 581; 43 U.S.C. 455, 455a–455c).

(d) A desert-land entryman may, however, mortgage his interest in the entered land if, by the laws of the State in which the land is situated, a mortgage of land is regarded as merely creating a lien thereon and not as a conveyance thereof. The purchaser at a sale had for the foreclosure of such mortgage may be recognized as assignee upon furnishing proof of his qualifications to take a desert-land entry by assignment. Transferees, after final proof, mortgagees, or other encumbrancers may file in the proper land office written notice stating the nature of their claims, and they will thereupon become entitled to receive notice of any action taken by the Bureau of Land Management with reference to the entry.

(e) The filing of all notices of recordation of claim by transferees, mortgagees or other encumbrancer under this section must be accompanied by a service charge of $10 which will not be returnable.

§ 2521.5 Annual proof.

(a) *Showing required.* (1) In order to test the sincerity and good faith of claimants under the desert-land laws and to prevent the segregation for a number of years of public lands in the interest of persons who have no intention to reclaim them, Congress, in the act of March 3, 1891 (26 Stat. 1096; 43 U.S.C. 327, 328) made the requirement that a map be filed at the initiation of the entry showing the mode of contemplated irrigation and the proposed source of water supply, and that there be expended yearly for 3 years from the date of the entry not less than $1 for each acre of the tract entered, making a total of not less than $3 per acre, in the necessary irrigation, reclamation, and cultivation of the land, in permanent improvements thereon, and in the purchase of water rights for the irrigation thereof, and that at the expiration of the third year a map or plan be filed showing the character and extent of the improvements placed on the claim. Said act, however, authorizes the submission of final proof at an earlier date than 4 years from the time the entry is made in cases wherein reclamation has been effected and expenditures of not less than $3 per acre have been made.

(2) Yearly or annual proof of expenditures must consist of the statements of "two or more credible witnesses," each of whom must have general knowledge that the expenditures were made for the purpose stated in the proof. Annual proofs must contain itemized statements showing the manner in which expenditures were made.

(b) *Acceptable expenditures.* (1) Expenditures for the construction and maintenance of storage reservoirs, dams, canals, ditches, and laterals to be used by claimant for irrigating his land; for roads where they are necessary; for erecting stables, corrals, etc.; for digging wells, where the water therefrom is to be used for irrigating the land; for stock or interest in an approved irrigation company, or for taxes paid to an approved irrigation district through which water is to be secured to irrigate the land; and for leveling and bordering land proposed to be irrigated, will be accepted. Expenditures for fencing all or a portion of the claim, for surveying for the purpose of ascertaining the levels for canals, ditches, etc., and for the first breaking or clearing of the soil are also acceptable.

(2) The value to be attached to, and the credit to be given for, an expenditure for works or improvements is the reasonable value of the work done or improvement placed upon the land, according to the market price therefor, or for similar work or improvements prevailing in the vicinity, and not the amount alleged by a claimant to have been expended nor the mere proof of expenditures, as exhibited by checks or other vouchers. (Bradley v. Vasold, 36 L.D. 106.)

(c) *Expenditures not acceptable.* (1) Expenditures for cultivation after the soil has been first prepared may not be accepted, because the claimant is supposed to be compensated for such work by the crops to be reaped as a result of cultivation. Expenditures for surveying the claim in order to locate the corners of same may not be accepted. The cost of tools, implements, wagons, and repairs to same, used in construction work, may not be computed in cost of construction. Expenditures for material of any kind will not be allowed unless such material has actually been installed or employed in and for the purpose for which it was purchased. For instances, if credit is asked for posts and wire for fences or for pump or other well machinery, it must be shown that the fence has been actually constructed or the well machinery actually put in place. No expenditures can be credited on annual proofs upon a desert-land entry unless made on account of that particular entry, and expenditures once credited can not be again applied. This rule applies to second entries as well as to original entries, and a claimant who relinquishes his entry and makes second entry of the same land under the act of September 5, 1914, cannot receive credit on annual proofs upon the second entry for expenditures made on account of the former entry. (41 L.D. 601 and 42 L.D. 523.)

(2) Expenditures for the clearing of the land will not receive credit in cases where the vegetation or brush claimed to have been cleared away has not been actually removed by the roots. Therefore, expenditures for clearing, where as a matter of fact there has been only crushing, or rollling, or what is known in some localities as railing the land will not be accepted.

(3) No expenditures for stock or interest in an irrigation company, through which water is to be secured for irrigating the land, will be accepted as satisfactory annual expenditure until a field examiner, or other authorized officer, has submitted a report as to the resources and reliability of the company, including its actual water right, and such report has been favorably acted upon by the Bureau of Land Management. The stock purchased must carry the right to water, and it must be shown that payment in cash has been made at least to the extent of the amount claimed as expenditure for the purchase of such stock in connection with the annual proof submitted, and such stock must be actually owned by the claimants at the time of the submission of final proof

(d) *Procedure where proof is not made when due.* Managers will examine their records frequently for the purpose of ascertaining whether all annual proofs due on pending desert-land entries have been made, and in every case where the claimant is in default in that respect they will send him notice and allow him 60 days in which to submit such proof. If the proof is not furnished as required the entry will be canceled. During the pendency of a Government proceeding initiated by such notice the entry will be protected against a private contest charging failure to make the required expenditures, and such contest will neither defeat the claimant's right to equitably perfect the entry as to the matter of expenditures during the 60 days allowed in the notice nor secure to the contestant a preference right in event the entry be canceled for default under said notice.

(e) *Desert land entry in more than one district.* When a desert-land entry embraces land in more than one district, the required annual proofs may be filed in either district, provided proper reference is made to the portion of the entry in the adjoining district, and the entryman must notify the manager of the adjoining district by letter of the date when the annual proof is filed.

(f) *Extensions of time.* (1) The law makes no provision for extensions of time in which to file annual proof becoming due subsequent to December 31, 1936, on desert-land entries not embraced within the exterior boundaries of any withdrawal or irrigation project under the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388), and extensions for said purpose cannot therefore be granted. However, where a township is suspended from entry for the purpose of resurvey thereof the time between the date of suspension and the filing in the local office of the new plat of survey will be excluded from the period accorded by law for the reclamation of land under a desert entry within such township and the statutory life of the entry extended accordingly (40 L.D. 223). During the continuance of the extension the claimant may, at his option, defer the making of annual expenditures and proof thereof.

(2) Extensions of time for making desert-land proofs were authorized by the acts of June 16, 1933 (48 Stat. 274; 43 U.S.C. 256a), July 26, 1935 (49 Stat. 504; 43 U.S.C. 256a), and June 16, 1937 (50 Stat. 303; 43 U.S.C. 256a). Such acts affect only proofs becoming due on or before December 31, 1936. For that reason, the regulations which were issued thereunder have not been included in this chapter.

(g) *Submission of proof before due date.* Nothing in the statutes or regulations should be construed to mean that the entryman must wait until the end of the year to submit his annual proof because the proof may be properly submitted as soon as the expenditures have been made. Proof sufficient for the 3 years may be offered whenever the amount of $3 an acre has been expended in reclaiming and improving the land, and thereafter annual proof will not be required.

§ 2521.6 Final proof.

(a) *General requirements.* The entryman, his assigns, or, in case of death, his heirs or devisees, are allowed 4 years from date of the entry within which to comply with the requirements of the law as to reclamation and cultivation of the land and to submit final proof, but final proof may be made and patent thereon issued as soon as there has been expended the sum of $3 per acre in improving, reclaiming, and irrigating the land, and one-eighth of the entire area entered has been properly cultivated and irrigated, and when the requirements of the desert-land laws as to water rights and the construction of the necessary reservoirs, ditches, dams, etc., have been fully complied with.

(1) Where the proof establishes that the entryman cannot effect timely compliance with the law, the entry must be canceled unless statutory authority permits the granting of an extension of time or other relief.

(b) *Notice of intention to make final proof.* When an entryman has reclaimed the land and is ready to make final proof, he should apply to the manager for a notice of intention to make such proof. This notice must contain a complete description of the land, give the number of the entry and name of the claimant, and

must bear an endorsement specifically indicating the source of his water supply. If the proof is made by an assignee, his name, as well as that of the original entryman, should be stated. It must also show when, where and before whom the proof is to be made. Four witnesses may be named in this notice, two of whom must be used in making proof. Care should be exercised to select as witnesses persons who are familiar, from personal observation, with the land in question, and with what has been done by the claimant toward reclaiming and improving it. Care should also be taken to ascertain definitely the names and addresses of the proposed witnesses, so that they may correctly appear in the notice.

(c) *Publication of final-proof notice.* The manager will issue the usual notice for publication. This notice must be published once a week for five successive weeks in a newspaper of established character and general circulation published nearest the lands (see 38 L.D. 131; 43 L.D. 216). The claimant must pay the cost of the publication but it is the duty of managers to procure the publication of proper final-proof notices. The date fixed for the taking of the proof must be at least 30 days after the date of first publication. Proof of publication must be made by the statement of the publisher of the newspaper or by someone authorized to act for him.

(d) *Submission of final proof.* On the day set in the notice (or, in the case of accident or unavoidable delay, within 10 days thereafter), and at the place and before the officer designated, the claimant will appear with two of the witnesses named in the notice and make proof of the reclamation, cultivation, and improvement of the land. The testimony of each claimant should be taken separately and apart from and not within the hearing of either of his witnesses, and the testimony of each witness should be taken separately and apart from and not within the hearing of either the applicant or of any other witness, and both the applicant and each of the witnesses should be required to state, in and as a part of the final-proof testimony given by them, that they have given such testimony without any actual knowledge of any statement made in the testimony of either of the others. In every instance where, for any reason whatever, final proof is not submitted within the 4 years prescribed by law, or within the period of an extension granted for submitting such proof, a statement should be filed by claimant, with the proof, explaining the cause of delay.

The final proof may be made before any officer authorized to administer oaths in public land cases, as explained in § 1821.3–2 of this chapter.

(e) *Showing as to irrigation system.* The final proof must show specifically the source and volume of the water supply and how it was acquired and how it is maintained. The number, length, and carrying capacity of all ditches, canals, conduits, and other means to conduct water to and on each of the legal subdivisions must also be shown. The claimant and the witnesses must each state in full all that has been done in the matter of reclamation and improvements of the land, and must answer fully, of their own personal knowledge, all of the questions contained in the final-proof blanks. They must state plainly whether at any time they saw the land effectually irrigated, and the different dates on which they saw it irrigated should be specifically stated.

(f) *Showing as to lands irrigated and reclaimed.* While it is not required that all of the land shall have been actually irrigated at the time final proof is made, it is necessary that the one-eighth portion which is required to be cultivated shall also have been irrigated in a manner calculated to produce profitable results, considering the character of the land, the climate, and the kind of crops being grown. (Alonzo B. Cole, 38 L.D. 420.) The cultivation and irrigation of the one-eighth portion of the entire area entered may be had in a body on one legal subdivision or may be distributed over several subdivisions. The final proof must clearly show that all of the permanent main and lateral ditches, canals, conduits, and other means to conduct water necessary for the irrigation of all the irrigable land in the entry have been constructed so that water can be actually applied to the land as soon as it is ready for cultivation. If pumping be relied upon as the means of irrigation, the plant installed for that purpose must be of sufficient capacity to render available enough water for all the irrigable land. If there are any high points or any portions of the land which for any reason it is not practicable to irrigate, the nature, extent, and situation of such areas in each legal subdivision must be fully stated. If less than one-eighth of a smallest legal subdivision is practically susceptible of irrigation from claimant's source of water supply and no portion thereof is used as a necessary part of his irrigation scheme, such subdivision must be relinquished. (43 L.D. 269.)

(g) *Showing as to tillage of land.* As a rule, actual tillage of one-eighth of the land must be shown. It is not sufficient to show only that there has been a marked increase in the growth of grass or that grass sufficient to support stock has been produced on the land as a result of irrigation. If, however, on

account of some peculiar climatic or soil conditions, no crops except grass can be successfully produced, or if actual tillage will destroy or injure the productive quality of the soil, the actual production of a crop of hay of merchantable value will be accepted as sufficient compliance with the requirements as to cultivation. (32 L.D. 456.) In such cases, however, the facts must be stated and the extent and value of the crop of hay must be shown, and, as before stated, that same was produced as a result of actual irrigation.

(h) *Showing as to water right.* (1) In every case where the claimant's water right is founded upon contract or purchase the final proof must embrace evidence which clearly establishes the fact and legal sufficiency of that right. If claimant's ownership of such right has already been evidenced in connection with the original entry or some later proceeding, then the final proof must show his continued possession thereof. If the water right relied on is obtained under claimant's appropriation, the final proof, considered together with any evidence previously submitted in the matter, must show that the claimant has made such preliminary filings as are required by the laws of the State in which the land is located, and that he has also taken all other steps necessary under said laws to secure and perfect the claimed water right. In all cases the water right, however it be acquired, must entitle the claimant to the use of a sufficient supply of water to irrigate successfully all the irrigable land embraced in his entry, notwithstanding that the final proof need only show the actual irrigation of one-eighth of that area.

(2) In those States where entrymen have made applications for water rights and have been granted permits but where no final adjudication of the water right can be secured from the State authorities owing to delay in the adjudication of the watercourses or other delay for which the entrymen are in no way responsible, proof that the entrymen have done all that is required of them by the laws of the State, together with proof of actual irrigation of one-eighth of the land embraced in their entries, may be accepted. This modification of the rule that the claimant must furnish evidence of an absolute water right will apply only in those States where under the local laws it is impossible for the entryman to secure final evidence of title to his water right within the time allowed him to submit final proof on his entry, and in such cases the best evidence obtainable must be furnished. (35 L.D. 305.)

(3) It is a well-settled principle of law in all of the States in which the desert land acts are operative that actual application to a beneficial use of water appropriated from public streams measures the extent of the right to the water, and that failure to proceed with reasonable diligence to make such application to beneficial use within a reasonable time constitutes an abandonment of the right. (Wiel's Water Rights in the Western States, sec. 172.) The final proof, therefore, must show that the claimant has exercised such diligence as will, if continued, under the operation of this rule result in his definitely securing a perfect right to the use of sufficient water for the permanent irrigation and reclamation of all of the irrigable land in his entry. To this end the proof must at least show that water which is being diverted from its natural course and claimed for the specific purpose of irrigating the lands embraced in claimant's entry, under a legal right acquired by virtue of his own or his grantor's compliance with the requirements of the State laws governing the appropriation of public waters, has actually been conducted through claimant's main ditches to and upon the land; that one-eighth of the land embraced in the entry has been actually irrigated and cultivated; that water has been brought to such a point on the land as to readily demonstrate that the entire irrigable area may be irrigated from the system; and that claimant is prepared to distribute the water so claimed over all of the irrigable land in each smallest legal subdivision in quantity sufficient for practical irrigation as soon as the land shall have been cleared or otherwise prepared for cultivation. The nature of the work necessary to be performed in and for the preparation for cultivation of such part of the land as has not been irrigated should be carefully indicated, and it should be shown that the said work of preparation is being prosecuted with such diligence as will permit of beneficial application of appropriated water within a reasonable time.

(4) Desert-land claimants should bear in mind that a water right and a water supply are not the same thing and that the two are not always or necessarily found together. Strictly speaking, a perfect and complete water right for irrigation purposes is confined to and limited by the area of land that has been irrigated with the water provided thereunder. Under the various State laws, however, an inchoate or incomplete right may be obtained which is capable of ripening into a perfect right if the water is applied to beneficial use with reasonable diligence. A person may have an apparent right of this kind for land which he has not irrigated, and which, moreover, he never can irrigate because of the lack of available water to satisfy his apparent right. Such an imperfect right, of course, cannot be viewed as meeting the requirements of the desert-land law which contemplates the eventual reclamation of all the irrigable land in the entry. Therefore, and with special reference to that portion of the irrigable land of an entry not required to be irrigated and cultivated before final proof, an incomplete (though real) water right will not be acceptable if its completion appears to be impossible because there is no actual supply of water available under the appropriation in question.

(i) *Showing where water supply is derived from irrigation project.* (1) Where the water right claimed in any final proof is derived from an irrigation project it must be shown that the entryman owns such an interest therein as entitles him to receive from the irrigation works of the project a supply of water sufficient for the proper irrigation of the land embraced in his entry. Investigations by field examiners as to the resources and reliability, including particularly the source and volume of the water supply, of all irrigation companies, associations, and districts through which desert-land entrymen seek to acquire water rights for the reclamation of their lands are made, and it is the purpose of the Bureau of Land Management to accept no annual or final proofs based upon such a water right until an investigation of the company in question has been made and report thereon approved. The information so acquired will be regarded as determining, at least tentatively, the amount of stock or interest which is necessary to give the entryman a right to a sufficient supply of water; but the entryman will be permitted to challenge the correctness of the report as to the facts alleged and the validity of its conclusions and to offer either with his final proof or subsequently such evidence as he can tending to support his contentions.

(2) Entrymen applying to make final proof are required to state the source of their water supply, and if water is to be obtained from the works of an irrigation company, association, or district the manager will endorse the name and address of the project upon the copy of the notice to be forwarded to the State Director. If the report on the company has been acted upon by the Bureau of Land Management and the proof submitted by claimant does not show that he owns the amount of stock or interest in the company found necessary for the area of land to be reclaimed, the manager will suspend the proof, advise the claimant of the requirements made by the Bureau of Land Management in connection with the report, and allow him 30 days within which to comply therewith or to make an affirmative showing in duplicate and apply for a hearing. In default of any action by him within the specified time the manager will reject the proof, subject to the usual right of appeal.

(j) *Final-proof expiration notice.* (1) Where final proof is not made within the period of 4 years, or within the period for which an extension of time has been granted, the claimant will be allowed 90 days in which to submit final proof. (44 L.D. 364.)

(2) Should no action be taken within the time allowed, the entry will be canceled. The 90 days provided for in this section must not be construed as an extension of time or as relieving the claimant from the necessity of explaining why the proof was not made within the statutory period or within such extensions of that period as have been specifically granted.

(k) *Requirements where township is suspended for resurvey.* No claimant will be required to submit final proof while the township embracing his entry is under suspension for the purpose of resurvey. (40 L.D. 223.) This also applies to annual proof. In computing the time when final proof on an entry so affected will become due the period between the date of suspension and the filing in the local office of the new plat of survey will be excluded. However, if the claimant so elects, he may submit final proof on such entry notwithstanding the suspension of the township.

§ 2521.7 Amendments.

(a) *To enlarge area of desert-land entry.* Amendment for the purpose of enlarging the area of a desert-land entry will be granted under and in the conditions and circumstances now to be stated.

(1) In any case where it is satisfactorily disclosed that entry was not made to embrace the full area which might lawfully have been included therein because of existing appropriations of all contiguous lands then appearing to be susceptible of irrigation through and by means of entryman's water supply, or of all such lands which seemed to be worthy of the expenditure requisite for that purpose, said lands having since been released from such appropriations.

(2) Where contiguous tracts have been omitted from entry because of entryman's belief, after a reasonably careful investigation, that they could not be reclaimed by means of the water supply available for use in that behalf, it having been subsequently discovered that reclamation thereof can be effectively accomplished by means of a changed plan or method of conserving or distributing such water supply.

(3) Where, at the time of entry, the entryman announced, in his declaration, his purpose to procure the cancellation, through contest or relinquishment, of an entry embracing lands contiguous to those entered by him, and thereafter to seek amendment of his entry in such manner as to embrace all or some portion of the lands so discharged from entry.

(b) *Conditions governing amendments in exercise of equitable powers; amendments involving homestead and desert-land entries of adjoining lands.* Applications for amendment presented pursuant to § 1821.6–5(a) of this chapter will not be granted, except where at least one legal subdivision of the lands originally entered is retained in the amended entry, and any such application must be submitted within 1 year next after discovery by the entryman of the existence of the conditions relied upon as entitling him to the relief he seeks, or within 1 year succeeding the date on which, by the exercise of reasonable diligence, the existence of such conditions might have been discovered: *Provided, nevertheless,* That where an applicant for amendment has made both homestead and desert land entries for contiguous lands, amendment may be granted whereby to transfer the desert-land entry, in its

entirety, to the land covered by the homestead entry, and the homestead entry, in its entirety, to the land covered by the desert-land entry, or whereby to enlarge the desert-land entry in such manner as that it will include the whole or some portion of the lands embraced in the homestead entry, sufficient equitable reason for such enlargement being exhibited, and the area of the enlarged entry in no case exceeding 320 acres. Applications for such amendments may be made under §§ 1821.6–1 to 1821.6–5 of this chapter and on the prescribed form, in so far as the same are applicable. A supplemental statement should also be furnished, if necessary, to show the facts.

(c) *Evidence of water-right to accompany application to amend desert-land entry.* Application to amend desert-land entries by the addition of a new and enlarged area or by transferring the entry to lands not originally selected for entry must be accompanied by evidence of applicant's right to the use of water sufficient for the adequate irrigation of said enlarged area or of the lands to which entry is to be transferred. Such evidence must be in the form prescribed by § 2521.2.

§ 2521.8 Contests.

(a) Contests may be initiated by any person seeking to acquire title to or claiming an interest in the land involved against a party to any desert-land entry because of priority of claim or for any sufficient cause affecting the legality or validity of the claim not shown by the records of the Bureau of Land Management.

(b) Successful contestants will be allowed a preference right of entry for 30 days after notice of the cancellation of the contested entry, in the same manner as in homestead cases, and the manager will give the same notice and is entitled to the same fee for notice as in other cases.

§ 2521.9 Relinquishments.

A desert-land entry may be relinquished at any time by the party owning the same. Conditional relinquishments will not be accepted.

Subpart 2522—Extensions of Time To Make Final Proof

§ 2522.1 General acts authorizing extensions of time.

(a) There are five general acts of Congress which authorize the allowance, under certain conditions, of an extension of time for the submission of final proof by a desert-land claimant. Said acts are the following: June 27, 1906 (Sec. 5, 34 Stat. 520; 43 U.S.C. 448); March 28, 1908 (Sec. 3, 35 Stat. 52; 43 U.S.C. 333); April 30, 1912 (37 Stat. 106; 43 U.S.C. 334); March 4, 1915 (Sec. 5, 38 Stat. 1161; 43 U.S.C. 335); and February 25, 1925 (43 Stat. 982; 43 U.S.C. 336). The act of June 27, 1906, is applicable only to entries embraced within the exterior limits of some withdrawal or irrigation project under the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388).

(b) In addition to the acts cited in this section, extensions of time for making desert-land proofs were authorized by the acts of June 16, 1933 (48 Stat. 274; 43 U.S.C. 256a), July 26, 1935 (49 Stat. 504; 43 U.S.C. 256a), and June 16, 1937 (50 Stat. 303; 43 U.S.C. 256a). Such acts affect only proofs becoming due on or before December 31, 1936. For that reason, the regulations which were issued thereunder have not been included in this chapter.

§ 2522.2 Procedure on applications for extensions of time, where contest is pending.

(a) A pending contest against a desert-land entry will not prevent the allowance of an application for extension of time, where the contest affidavit does not charge facts tending to overcome the prima facie showing of right to such extension. (41 L.D. 603.)

(b) Consideration of an application for extension of time will not be deferred because of the pendency of a contest against the entry in question unless the contest charges be sufficient, if proven, to negative the right of the entryman to an extension of time for making final proof. If the contest charges be insufficient, the application for extension, where regular in all respects, will be allowed and the contest dismissed subject to the right of appeal, but without prejudice to the contestant's right to amend his charges.

§ 2522.3 Act of March 28, 1908.

Under the provisions of the act of March 28, 1908 (35 Stat. 52; 43 U.S.C. 333), the period of 4 years may be extended, in the discretion of the authorized officer, for an additional period not exceeding 3 years, if, by reason of some unavoidable delay in the construction of the irrigating works intended to convey water to the land, the entryman is unable to make proof of reclamation and cultivation required within the 4 years. This does not mean that the period within which proof may be made will be extended as a matter of course for 3 years. Applications for extension under said act will not be granted unless it be clearly shown that the failure to reclaim and cultivate the land within the regular period of 4 years was due to no fault on the part of the entryman but to some unavoidable delay in the construction of the irrigation works for which he was not responsible and could not have readily foreseen. (37 L.D. 332.) It must also appear that he has complied with the law as to annual expenditures and proof thereof.

§ 2522.4 Act of April 30, 1912.

(a) Under the provisions of the act of April 30, 1912 (37 Stat. 106; 43 U.S.C. 334), a further extension of time may be granted for submitting final proof, not exceeding 3 years, where it is shown that, because of some unavoidable delay in the construction of irrigation works intended to convey water to the land embraced in his entry, the claimant is, without fault on his part, unable to make proof of the

reclamation and cultivation of said lands within the time limited therefor, but such further extension cannot be granted for a period of more than 3 years nor affect contests initiated for a valid existing reason.

(b) An entryman who has complied with the law as to annual expenditures and proof thereof and who desires to make application for extension of time under the provisions of the act of March 28, 1908, should file with the manager a statement setting forth fully the facts, showing how and why he has been prevented from making final proof of reclamation and cultivation within the regular period. This statement must be corroborated by two witnesses who have personal knowledge of the facts.

§ 2522.5 Act of February 25, 1925.

Applications for further extension of time under the act of April 30, 1912, and February 25, 1925 (43 Stat. 982; 43 U.S.C. 336), may be made in the same manner, and the same procedure will be followed with respect to such applications as under the act of March 28, 1908, and the act of March 4, 1915 (38 Stat. 1161; 43 U.S.C. 335), as amended.

§ 2522.6 Service fees.

All applications for extension of time made under the acts of March 28, 1908, April 30, 1912, or February 25, 1925, must be accompanied by an application service fee of $10 which will not be returnable.

Subpart 2523—Payments

§ 2523.1 Collection of purchase money and fees; issuance of final certificate.

(a) At the time of making final proof the claimant must pay to the manager the sum of $1 per acre for each acre of land upon which proof is made. This, together with the 25 cents per acre paid at the time of making the original entry, will amount to $1.25 per acre, which is the price to be paid for all lands entered under the desert land law.

(b) If the entryman is dead and proof is made by anyone for the heirs, no will being suggested in the record, the final certificate should issue to the heirs generally, without naming them; if by any one for the heirs or devisees, final certificate should issue in like manner to the heirs or devisees.

(c) When final proof is made on an entry made prior to the act of March 28, 1908 (35 Stat. 52; 43 U.S.C. 324, 326, 333), for unsurveyed land, if the land is still unsurveyed and such proof is satisfactory, the manager will approve same without collecting the final payment of $1 an acre and without issuing final certificate. Fees for reducing the final-proof testimony to writing should be collected and receipt issued therefor if the proof is taken before the manager. As soon as the plat or plats of any township or townships previously unsurveyed are filed in the land office the manager will examine his records for the purpose of determining, if possible, whether or not, prior to the passage of the act of March 28, 1908, any desert-land entry of unsurveyed land was allowed in the locality covered by the said plats; and if any such entries are found intact, he will call upon the claimants thereof to file a statement of adjustment, corroborated by two witnesses, giving the correct description, in accordance with the survey of the lands embraced in their respective entries.

(d) If the final proof has been made upon any desert-land entry so adjusted and the records show that such proof has been found satisfactory and no conflicts or other objections are apparent, the manager will allow claimant 60 days within which to make final payment for the land.

§ 2523.2 Amounts to be paid.

No fees or commissions are required of persons making entry under the desert land laws except such fees as are paid to the officers for taking the affidavits and proofs. Unless the entry be perfected under the act of February 14, 1934 (48 Stat. 349; 43 U.S.C. 339), the only payments made to the Government are the original payment of 25 cents an acre at the time of making the application and the final payment of $1 an acre, to be paid at the time of making the final proof. On all final proofs made before the manager, or before any other officer of the Bureau of Land Management authorized to take proofs, the claimant must pay to the manager the costs of reducing the testimony to writing, as determined by the manager. No proof shall be accepted or approved until all charges have been paid.

Subpart 2524—Desert-Land Entries Within a Reclamation Project

§ 2524.1 Conditions excusing entrymen from compliance with the desert-land laws.

By section 5 of the act of June 27, 1906 (34 Stat. 520, 43 U.S.C. 448), it is provided that any desert-land entryman who has been or may be directly or indirectly hindered or prevented from making improvements on or from reclaiming the lands embraced in his entry, by reason of the fact that such lands have been embraced within the exterior limits of any withdrawal under the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388; 43 U.S.C. 372 et seq.) will be excused during the continuance of such hindrance from complying with the provisions of the desert-land laws.

(b) *Persons excused from compliance with the desert-land laws.* Section 5 of the act of June 27, 1906, applies only to persons who have been, directly or indirectly, delayed or prevented, by the creation of any reclamation project, or by any withdrawal of public lands under the reclamation law, from improving or reclaiming the lands covered by their entries.

(c) *Statement required to warrant excuse.* No entryman will be excused under this act from a compliance with all of the requirements of the desert-land law until he has filed in the land office for the district in which his lands are situated a statement showing in detail all of the facts upon which he claims the right to be excused. This statement must show when the hindrance began, the nature, character, and extent of the same, and it must be corroborated by two disinterested persons, who can testify from their own personal knowledge.

§ 2524.2 Annual proof.

(a) *Extension of time.* Inasmuch as entrymen are allowed 1 year after entry in which to submit the first annual proof of expenditures for the purpose of improving and reclaiming the land entered by them, the privileges of the act of June 27, 1906, are not necessary in connection with annual proofs until the expiration of the years in which such proofs are due. Therefore, if at the time that annual proof is due it can not be made, on account of hindrance or delay occasioned by a withdrawal of the land for the purpose indicated in the act, the applicant will file his statement explaining the delay. As a rule, however, annual proofs may be made, notwithstanding the withdrawal of the land, because expenditures for various kinds of improvements are allowed as satisfactory annual proofs. Therefore an extension of time for making annual proof will not be granted unless it is made clearly to appear that the entryman has been delayed or prevented by the withdrawal from making the required improvements; and, unless he has been so hindered or prevented from making the required improvements, no application for extension of time for making final proof will be granted until after all the yearly proofs have been made.

(b) *When application for extension of time should be filed.* An entryman will not need to invoke the privileges of the act of June 27, 1906, in connection with final proof until such final proof is due, and if at that time he is unable to make the final proof of reclamation and cultivation, as required by law, and such inability is due, directly or indirectly, to the withdrawal of the land on account of a reclamation project, the statement explaining the hindrance and delay should be filed in order that the entryman may be excused for such failure.

§ 2524.3 Time extended to make final proof.

When the time for submitting final proof has arrived and the entryman is unable, by reason of the withdrawal of the land, to make such proof, upon proper showing, he will be excused and the time during which it is shown that he has been hindered or delayed on account of the withdrawal of the land will not be computed in determining the time within which final proof must be made.

§ 2524.4 Beginning of period for compliance with the law.

If, after investigation the irrigation project has been or may be abandoned by the Government, the time for compliance with the law by the entryman shall begin to run from the date of notice of such abandonment of the project and of the restoration to the public domain of the lands which had been withdrawn in connection with the project. If, however, the reclamation project is carried to completion by the Government and a water supply has been made available for the land embraced in such desert-land entry, the entryman must, if he depends on the Government's project for his water supply, comply with all provisions of the reclamation law, and must under the act of June 6, 1930 (46 Stat. 502; 43 U.S.C. 448), relinquish or assign in not less than 2 years after notice all the land embraced in his entry in excess of one farm unit, and upon making final proof and complying with the regulations of the Department applicable to the remainder of the irrigable land of the project and with the terms of payment prescribed in the reclamation law, he shall be entitled to patent as to such retained farm unit, and final water-right certificate containing lien as provided for by the act of August 9, 1912 (37 Stat. 265; 43 U.S.C. 541–546), act of August 26, 1912 (37 Stat. 610; 43 U.S.C. 547), and the act of February 15, 1917 (39 Stat. 920; 43 U.S.C. 541), or to patent without a lien if provision therefor shall have been made as provided for by the act of May 15, 1922 (42 Stat. 541; 43 U.S.C. 511–513).

§ 2524.5 Assignment of desert-land entries in whole or in part.

(a) *Act of July 24, 1912.* Under the act of July 24, 1912 (37 Stat. 200; 43 U.S.C. 449), desert-land entries covering lands within the exterior limits of a Government reclamation project may be assigned in whole or in part, even though water-right application has been filed for the land in connection with the Government reclamation project, or application for an extension of time in which to submit proof on the entry has been submitted, under the act of June 27, 1906 (34 Stat. 520; 43 U.S.C. 448), as amended by the act of June 6, 1930 (46 Stat. 502; 43 U.S.C. 448), requiring reduction of the area of the entry to one farm unit.

(b) *Amendment of farm-unit plat after partial assignment.* Where it is desired to assign part of a desert-land entry which has been designated as a farm unit, application for the amendment of the farm-unit plat should be filed with the official in charge of the project, as in the case of assignments of homestead entries. (See § 2515.5(a) (3) to (5).) The same disposition of amendatory diagrams will be made and the same procedure followed as provided for assignments of homestead entries.

§ 2524.6 Desert-land entryman may proceed independently of Government irrigation.

Special attention is called to the fact that nothing contained in the act of June 27, 1906 (34 Stat. 520; 43 U.S.C. 448), shall be construed to mean that a desert-land entryman who owns a water right and reclaims the land embraced in his entry must accept the conditions of the reclamation law, but he may proceed independently of the Government's plan of irrigation and acquire title to the land embraced in his desert-land entry by means of his own system of irrigation.

§ 2524.7 Disposal of lands in excess of 160 acres.

Desert-land entrymen within exterior boundaries of a reclamation project who expect to secure water from the Government must relinquish or assign all of the lands embraced in their entries in excess of one farm unit in not less than 2 years after notice through the land office, must reclaim one-half of the irrigable area covered by their water right in the same manner as private owners of land irrigated under a reclamation project, and also comply with the regulations of the Department applicable to the remainder of the irrigable land of the project.

§ 2524.8 Cancellation of entries for nonpayment of water-right charges.

All homestead and desert-land entrymen holding land under the reclamation law must, in addition to paying the water-right charges, reclaim the land as required by the reclamation law. Homestead entrymen must reside upon, cultivate, and improve the lands embraced in their entries for not less than the period required by the homestead laws. Desert-land entrymen must comply with the provisions of the desert-land laws as amended by the reclamation law. Failure to make payment of any water-right charges due for more than 1 year, will render the entry subject to cancellation and the money paid subject to forfeiture, whether water-tight application has been made or not.

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§ 2530.0–3 Authority.

(a) *General Allotment Act of February 8, 1887.* Section 4 of the General Allotment Act of February 8, 1837 (24 Stat. 389; 25 U.S.C. 334), as amended by the act of February 28, 1891 (26 Stat. 794), and section 17 of the act of June 25, 1910 (36 Stat. 859; 25 U.S.C. 336), provides that where any Indian entitled to allotment under existing laws shall make settlement upon any surveyed or unsurveyed lands of the United States not otherwise appropriated, he or she shall be entitled, upon application to the land office for the district in which the lands are located, to have the same allotted to him or her and to his or her children in manner as provided by law for allotments to Indians residing upon reservations, and that such allotments to Indians on the public domain shall not exceed 40 acres of irrigable land, or 80 acres of nonirrigable agricultural land or 160 acres of nonirrigable grazing land to any one Indian.

(b) *Act of March 1, 1933.* The act of March 1, 1933 (47 Stat. 1418; 43 U.S.C. 190a) provides that no further allotments of lands to Indians on the public domain shall be made in San Juan County, Utah.

Public land withdrawn by Executive Order 6910 and 6964 of November 26, 1934, and February 5, 1935, respectively, is not subject to settlement under section 4 of the General Allotment Act of February 8, 1887, as amended, until such settlement has been authorized by classification. See Parts 2410, 2420, and 2430 of this chapter.

§ 2530.0–7 Cross reference:

For native allotments in Alaska see Subpart 2561 of this chapter.

§ 2530.0–8 Land subject to allotment.

(a) *General.* (1) The law provides that allotments may include not to exceed 40 acres of irrigable land, 80 acres of nonirrigable agricultural land, or 160 acres of nonirrigable grazing land.

(2) Irrigable lands are those susceptible of successful irrigation at a reasonable cost from any known source of water supply; nonirrigable agricultural lands are those upon which agricultural crops can be profitably raised without irrigation; grazing lands are those which can not be profitably devoted to any agricultural use other than grazing.

(3) An allotment may be allowed for coal and oil and gas lands, with reservation of the mineral contents to the United States.

Subpart 2531—Applications, Generally

§ 2531.1 Qualifications of applicants.

(a) *General.* An applicant for allotment under the fourth section of the act of February 8, 1887, as amended, is required to show that he is a recognized member of an Indian tribe or is entitled to be so recognized. Such qualifications may be shown by the laws and usages of the tribe. The mere fact, however, that an Indian is a descendant of one whose name was at one time borne upon the rolls and who was recognized as a member of the tribe does not of itself make such Indian a member of the tribe. The possession of Indian blood, not accompanied by tribal affiliation or relationship, does not entitle a person to an allotment on the public domain. Tribal membership, even though once existing and recognized, may be abandoned in respect to the benefits of the fourth section.

(b) *Certificate that applicant is Indian and entitled to allotment.* Any person desiring to file application for an allotment of land on the public domain under this act must first obtain from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs a certificate showing that he or she is an Indian and entitled to such allotment, which certificate must be attached to the allotment application. Application for the certificate must be made on the proper form, and must contain information as to the applicant's identity, such as thumb print, age, sex, height, approximate weight, married or single, name of the Indian tribe in which membership is claimed, etc., sufficient to establish his or her identity with that of the applicant for allotment. Each certificate must bear a serial number, record thereof to be kept in the Indian Office. The required forms may be obtained as stated in § 2531.2(b).

(c) *Heirs of Indian settlers and applicants.* (1) Allotments are allowable only to living persons or those in being at the date of application. Where an Indian dies after settlement and filing of application, but prior to approval, the allotment will upon final approval be confirmed to the heirs of the deceased allottee.

(2) In disposing of pending applications in which the death of the applicant has been reported, the heirs of an applicant who was otherwise qualified at the date of application should be notified that they will be allowed 90 days from receipt of notice within which to submit proof that the applicant personally settled on the land applied for during his or her lifetime, and while the land was open to settlement, and upon failure to submit such proof within the time allowed the application will be finally rejected.

(3) When it is sufficiently shown that an applicant was at the time of death occupying in good faith the land settled on, patent will be issued to his or her heirs without further use or occupancy on the part of such heirs being shown.

(d) *Minor children.* An Indian settler on public lands under the fourth section of the act of February 8, 1887, as amended, is also entitled upon application to have allotments made thereunder to his minor children, stepchildren, or other children to whom he stands in loco parentis, provided the natural children are in being at the date of the parent's application, or the other relationship referred to exist at such date. The law only permits one entitled himself under the fourth section to take allotments thereunder on behalf of his minor children or of those to whom he stands in loco parentis. Orphan children (those who have lost both parents) are not entitled to allotments on the public domain unless they come within the last-mentioned class. No actual settlement is required in case of allotments to minor children under the fourth section, but the actual settlement of the parent or of a person standing in loco parentis on his own public-land allotment will be regarded as the settlement of the minor children.

(e) *Indian wives.* (1) Where an Indian woman is married to a white man or other person not entitled to an allotment under the fourth section of the act of February 8, 1887, as amended, and not a settler or entryman under the general homestead law, her right, and that of the minor children born of such marriage, to allotments on the public domain will be determined without reference to the quantum of Indian blood possessed by such women and her children but solely with reference as to whether they are recognized members of an Indian tribe or are entitled to such membership.

(2) An Indian woman married to an Indian man who has himself received an allotment on the public domain or is entitled to one, or has earned the equitable right to patent on any form of homestead or small holding claim, is not thereby deprived of the right to file an application for herself, provided she is otherwise entitled, and also for her minor children where her husband is for any reason disqualified.

(3) An Indian woman who is separated from her husband who has not received an allotment under the fourth section will be regarded as the head of a family and may file applications for herself and for the minor children under her care.

(4) In every case where an Indian woman files applications for her minor children it must appear that she has not only applied for herself under the fourth section but has used the land in her own application in some beneficial manner.

(f) *Citizenship.* (1) Under section 6 of the act of February 8, 1887 (24 Stat. 390; 25 U.S.C. 349), every Indian born within the territorial limits of the United States, to whom allotments were made under that act, and every Indian who voluntarily takes up his residence separate and apart from any tribe of Indians and adopts the habits of civilized life is declared to be a citizen of the United States.

(2) The act of May 8, 1906 (34 Stat. 182; 8 U.S.C. 3), changed the time when an Indian became a citizen by virtue of the allotment made to him to the time when patent in fee should be issued on such an allotment.

(3) The act of June 2, 1924 (43 Stat. 253, 8 U.S.C. 3), conferred citizenship on all noncitizen Indians born within the Territorial limits of the United States, but expressly reserved to them all rights to tribal or other property. These rights include that of allotment on the public land, if qualified.

§ 2531.2 Petition and applications.

(a) Any person desiring to receive an Indian allotment (other than those seeking allotments in national forests, for which see subpart 2533 of this part) must file with the manager of the land office for the district in which the land is situated, an application, together with a petition on forms approved by the Director, properly executed, together with a certificate from the authorized officer of the Bureau of Indian Affairs that the person is Indian and entitled to allotment, as specified in paragraph 2531.1(b). However, if the lands described in the application have been already classified and opened for disposition under the provisions of this part, no petition is required. The documents must be filed in accordance with the provisions of § 1821.2 of this chapter.

The petition and the statement attached to the application for certificate must be signed by the applicant.

(b) Blank forms for petitions and applications may be had from any office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, or from land offices of the Bureau of Land Management.

§ 2531.3 Effect of application.

(a) An allotment application under the fourth section of the act of February 8, 1887, as amended, filed prior to September 23, 1913, does not, in the absence of a certificate from the Indian Office showing that the applicant is an Indian entitled to allotment, segregate the land, and subsequent applications for the same land may be received and suspended to await final action on the allotment application.

(b) Where an allotment application under the fourth section, filed subsequent to September 23, 1913, is not accompanied by the requisite certificate from the Indian Office showing the applicant to be entitled to allotment, and the applicant is given time to furnish such certificate, the application does not segregate the land, and other applications therefor may be received and held to await final action on the allotment application.

(c) Where an allotment application is approved by the authorized officer, it operates as a segregation of the land, and subsequent applications for the same land will be rejected.

Subpart 2532—Allotments

§2532.1 Certificate of allotment.

(a) When the manager approves an application for allotment, he will issue to the applicant a "certificate of allotment", on a prescribed form, showing the name in full of the applicant, post office address, name of the tribe in which membership is claimed, serial number of the certificate issued by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and a description of the land allotted.

(b) Where the application under investigation is that of a single person over 21 years of age, or of the head of a family, report will also be made as to the character of the applicant's settlement and improvements. A similar report will be made on applications filed in behalf of minor children as to the character of the settlement and improvements made by the parent, or the person standing in loco parentis, on his or her own allotment under the fourth section.

§ 2532.2 Trust patent.

(a) To enable an Indian allottee to demonstrate his good faith and intention, the issuance of trust patent will be suspended for a period of 2 years from date of settlement; but in those cases where that period has already elapsed at the time of adjudicating the allotment application, and when the evidence either by the record or upon further investigation in the field, shows the allottee's good faith and intention in the matter of his settlement, trust patents will issue in regular course. Trust patents in the suspended class, when issued, will run from the date of suspension.

(b) In the matter of fourth-section applications filed prior to the regulations in this part, where, by the record or upon further investigation in the field, it appears that such settlement has not been made as is contemplated by the regulations, such applications will not be immediately rejected, but the applicant will be informed that 2 years will be allowed within which to perfect his settlement and to furnish proof thereof, whereupon his application will be adjudicated as in other cases.

Subpart 2533—Allotments Within National Forests

§ 2533.0–3 Authority.

By the terms of section 31 of the act of June 25, 1910 (36 Stat. 863; 25 U.S.C. 337), allotments under the fourth section of the act of February 8, 1887, as amended, may be made within national forests.

§ 2533.0–8 Land subject to allotment.

An allotment under this section may be made for lands containing coal and oil and gas with reservation of the mineral contents to the United States, but not for lands valuable for metalliferous minerals. The rules governing the conduct of fourth-section applications under the act of February 8, 1887, as amended, apply equally to applications under said section 31.

§ 2533.1 Application.

An Indian who desires to apply for an allotment within a national forest under this act must submit the application to the supervisor of the particular forest affected, by whom it will be forwarded with appropriate report, through the district forester and Chief, Forest Service, to the Secretary of Agriculture, in order that he may determine whether the land applied for is more valuable for agriculture or grazing than for the timber found thereon.

§ 2533.2 Approval.

(a) Should the Secretary of Agriculture decide that the land applied for, or any part of it, is chiefly valuable for the timber found thereon, he will transmit the application to the Secretary of the Interior and inform him of his decision in the matter. The Secretary of the Interior will cause the applicant to be informed of the action of the Secretary of Agriculture.

(b) In case the land is found to be chiefly valuable for agriculture or grazing, the Secretary of Agriculture will note that fact on the application and forward it to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

(c) The application must be filed with the manager of the land office for the district in which the land applied for is located. He will then forward the case to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for consideration. If the Commissioner of Indian Affairs approves the application, he will transmit it to the Bureau of Land Management for issuance of a trust patent.

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§ 2540.0–3 Authority.

(a) *Act of December 22, 1928.* The act of December 22, 1928 (45 Stat. 1069), as amended by the act of July 23, 1953 (67 Stat. 227; 43 U.S.C. 1068, 1068a), authorizes the issuance of patent for not to exceed 160 acres of public lands held under claim or color of title of either of the two classes described in § 2540.0–5(b) upon payment of the sale price of the land.

(b) *Act of February 23, 1932.* The act of February 23, 1932 (47 Stat. 53; 43 U.S.C. 178), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior in his discretion to issue patents, upon the payment of $1.25 per acre, for not more than 160 acres of public land, where such land is contiguous to a Spanish or Mexican land grant, and where such land has been held in good faith and in peaceful, adverse possession by a citizen of the United States, his ancestors or grantors, for more than 20 years under claim or color of title and where valuable improvements have been placed on such land, or some part thereof has been reduced to cultivation. The act further provides that where the land is in excess of 160 acres, the Secretary may determine the 160 acres to be patented under the act. Under the said act the coal and all other minerals in the land are reserved to the United States and shall be subject to sale or disposal under applicable leasing and mineral land laws of the United States.

(c) *Act of September 21, 1922.* The act of September 21, 1922 (42 Stat. 992; 43 U.S.C. 992), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior in his judgment and discretion to sell at an appraised price, any of those public lands situated in Arkansas, which were originally erroneously meandered and shown upon the official plats as water-covered areas, and which are not lawfully appropriated by a qualified settler or entryman claiming under the public land laws, to any citizen who in good faith under color of title or claiming as a riparian owner, has prior to September 21, 1922, placed valuable improvements on such land or reduced some part thereof to cultivation.

(d) *Act of February 19, 1925.* The act of February 19, 1925 (43 Stat. 951; 43 U.S.C. 993), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior in his judgment and discretion to sell at an appraised price, any of those public lands situated in Louisiana, which were originally erroneously meandered and shown upon the official plats as water-covered areas and which are not lawfully appropriated by a qualified settler or entryman claiming under the public land laws, to any citizen who, or whose ancestors in title in good faith under color of title or claiming as a riparian owner, has prior to February 19, 1925, placed valuable improvements upon or reduced to cultivation any of such lands. The coal, oil, gas, and other minerals in such lands are reserved to the United States.

(e) *Act of August 24, 1954.* The act of August 24, 1954 (68 Stat. 789), directs the Secretary of the Interior to issue patents for public lands which lie between the meander line of an inland lake or river in Wisconsin as originally surveyed and the meander line of that lake or river as subsequently resurveyed, under certain terms and conditions. The act of February 27, 1925 (43 Stat. 1013; 43 U.S.C. 994), authorized the Secretary of the Interior to sell such public lands under certain other terms and conditions. These acts are cited as "the act of 1954" and "the act of 1925," respectively, in §§ 2545.1 to 2545.4.

(f) *Act of May 31, 1962.* (1) The act of May 31, 1962 (76 Stat. 89), hereafter referred to as "the Act", authorizes the Secretary of the Interior, in his discretion, to sell at not less than their fair market value any of those lands in the State of Idaho, in the vicinity of the Snake River or any of its tributaries, which have been, or may be, found upon survey to be omitted public lands of the United States, and which are not within the boundaries of a national forest or other Federal reservation and are not lawfully appropriated by a qualified settler or entryman claiming under the public land laws, or are not used and occupied by Indians claiming by reason of aboriginal rights or are not used and occupied by Indians who are eligible for an allotment under the laws pertaining to allotments on the public domain.

(2) The Act provides that in all patents issued under the Act, the Secretary of the Interior (i) shall include a reservation to the United States of all the coal, oil, gas, oil shale, phosphate, potash, sodium, native asphalt, solid and semisolid bitumen, and bitumen rock (including oil-impregnated rock or sands from which oil is recoverable only by special treatment after the deposit is mined or quarried), together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same; and (ii) may reserve the right of access to the public through the lands and such other reservations as he may deem appropriate and consonant with the public interest in preserving public recreational values in the lands.

(3) The Act further provides that the Secretary of the Interior shall determine the fair market value of the lands by appraisal, taking into consideration any reservations specified pursuant to subparagraph (2) of this section and excluding, when sales are made to preference-right claimants under section 2 of the Act, any increased values resulting from the development or improvement thereof for agricultural or other purposes by the claimant or his predecessors in interest.

(4) The Act grants a preference right to purchase lands which are offered by the Secretary of the Interior for sale under the Act to any citizen of the United States (which term includes corporations, partnerships, firms, and other legal entities having authority to hold title to lands in the State of Idaho) who, in good faith under color of title or claiming as a riparian owner has, prior to March 30, 1961, placed valuable improvements upon, reduced to cultivation or occupied any of the lands so offered for sale, or whose ancestors or predecessors in title have taken such action.

§ 2540.0–5 Definition.

(a) "The act", when used in this section means the act of December 22, 1928 (45 Stat. 1069; 43 U.S.C. 1068, 1068a), as amended by the act of July 28, 1953 (67 Stat. 227, 43 U.S.C. 1068a).

(b) The claims recognized by the act will be referred to in this part as claims of class 1, and claim of class 2. A claim of class 1 is one which has been held in good faith and in peaceful adverse possession by a claimant, his ancestors or grantors, under claim or color of title for more than 20 years, on which valuable improvements have been placed, or on which some part of the land has been reduced to cultivation. A claim of class 2 is one which has been held in good faith and in peaceful, adverse possession by a claimant, his ancestors or grantors, under claim or color of title for the period commencing not later than January 1, 1901, to the date of application, during which time they have paid taxes levied on the land by State and local governmental units. A claim is not held in good faith where held with knowledge that the land is owned by the United States. A claim is not held in peaceful, adverse possession where it was initiated while the land was withdrawn or reserved for Federal purposes.

Subpart 2541—Color-of-Title: General

§ 2541.1 Who may apply.

Any individual, group, or corporation authorized to hold title to land in the State and who believes he has a valid claim under color of title may make application.

§ 2541.2 Procedures.

(a) *Application.* (1) An application for a claim of class 1 or of class 2 must be filed in duplicate on a form approved by the Director. It must be filed in accordance with the provisions of § 1821.2 of this chapter.

(2) Every application must be accompanied by a filing fee of $10, which will be nonreturnable.

(3) The application must be in typewritten form, or in legible handwriting, and it must be completely executed and signed by the applicant.

(4) Every applicant must furnish information required in the application form concerning improvements, cultivation, conveyances of title, taxes, and related matters.

(b) *Description of lands applied for.* Application under the act may be made for surveyed or unsurveyed lands. If unsurveyed, the description must be sufficiently complete to identify the location, boundary, and area of the land and, if possible, the approximate description or location of the land by section, township, and range. If unsurveyed land is claimed, final action will be suspended until the plat of survey has been officially filed.

(c) *Presentation and verification of factual statements.* (1) Information relating to all record and nonrecord conveyances, or to nonrecord claims of title, affecting the land shall be itemized on a form approved by the Director. The statements of record conveyances must be certified by the proper county official

or by an abstractor. The applicant may be called upon to submit documentary or other evidence relating to conveyances or claims. Abstracts of title or other documents which are so requested will be returned to the applicant.

(2) Applicants for claims of class 2 must itemize all information relating to tax levies and payments on the land on a form approved by the Director which must be certified by the proper county official or by an abstractor.

§ 2541.3 Patents.

(a) Any applicant who satisfied all requirements for a claim of class 1 or class 2 commencing not later than January 1, 1901, to the date of application and who so requests in the application will receive a patent conveying title to all other minerals except:

(1) Any minerals which, at the time of approval of the application, are embraced by an outstanding mineral lease or

(2) Any minerals for which the lands have been placed in a mineral withdrawal.

All other patents will reserve all minerals to the United States.

(b) All mineral reservations will include the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same in accordance with applicable law.

(c) The maximum area for which patent may be issued for any claim under the act is 160 acres. Where an area held under a claim or color of title is in excess of 160 acres, the Secretary has authority under the act to determine what particular subdivisions not exceeding 160 acres, may be patented.

§ 2541.4 Price of land; payment.

(a) *Price of land.* The land applied for will be appraised on the basis of its fair market value at the time of appraisal. However, in determination of the price payable by the applicant, value resulting from improvements or development by the applicant or his predecessors in interest will be deducted from the appraised price, and consideration will be given to the equities of the applicant. In no case will the land be sold for less than $1.25 per acre.

(b) *Payment.* Applicant will be required to make payment of the sale price of the land within the time stated in the request for payment.

§ 2541.5 Publication; protests.

(a) The applicant will be required to publish once a week for four consecutive weeks in accordance with § 1824.3 of this chapter, at his expense, in a designated newspaper and in a designated form, a notice allowing all persons claiming the land adversely to file in the office specified in paragraph 2541.1–2(a) their objections to the issuance of patent under the application. A protestant must serve on the applicant a copy of the objections and furnish evidence of such service.

(b) The applicant must file a statement of the publisher, accompanied by a copy of the notice published, showing that publication has been had for the required time.

Subpart 2542—Color-of-Title Claims, New Mexico, Contiguous to Spanish or Mexican Grants

§ 2542.1 Application.

(a) *Where filed; purchase price required.* Applications under the act of February 23, 1932 must be filed with the manager of the land office at Santa Fe, New Mexico, and should be accompanied by payment of the purchase price of the land applied for at the rate of $1.25 per acre.

(b) *Form.* No special form of application is provided. The application should be in typewritten form or in legible handwriting and must be corroborated by at least two disinterested persons having actual knowledge of the facts alleged therein.

(c) *Contents of application.* Applicants desiring to take advantage of the benefits of the act of February 23, 1932, must show the following matters in their applications:

(1) Full name and post-office address of the applicant and whether married or single.

(2) Description of the land for which patent is desired. If surveyed, the land should be described by legal subdivision, section, township, and range. If unsurveyed, the land should be described by metes and bounds.

(3) That the land applied for is contiguous to a Spanish or Mexican land grant. The grant should be identified by name, number, patentee or description of land involved. The points or places at which the land applied for is contiguous to the Spanish or Mexican land grant, must be clearly shown.

(4) That possession of the lands applied for has been maintained for more than 20 years under claim or color of title. If the applicant is claiming as a record owner, he or she will be required to file an abstract of title, certified to by a competent abstractor, showing the record of all conveyances of the land up to the date of the filing of the application. If the applicant is not a record owner and no abstract of title can be furnished, statements must be filed, setting forth the names of all mesne possessors of the land, the periods held by each, giving the dates and manner of acquiring possession of the land, and the acts of dominion exercised over the land by each possessor.

(5) That the lands have been held in good faith and in peaceful, adverse possession. The applicant should show whether or not he and his predecessors in interest have paid taxes on the lands and for what periods of time, and whether any consideration was paid for any conveyances of the land. It should further be shown whether there is any person who is claiming the land adversely to the applicant, and if there be such, the name and address of such adverse claimant should be furnished.

(6) Whether or not valuable improvements have been erected upon the land applied for and whether or not any part of such land has been reduced to cultivation. If improvements have been made, the nature, the value, the exact

location, and the time of erection thereof, should be fully disclosed together with the identity of the one who was responsible for erecting such improvements. If any of the land has been reduced to cultivation, the subdivision so claimed to have been reduced must be identified and the amount and nature of the cultivation must be set forth, together with the dates thereof.

§ 2542.2 Evidence required.

(a) *Citizenship.* The applicant must furnish a statement showing whether such applicant is a native-born or naturalized citizen of the United States. In the event an applicant is a naturalized citizen, the statement should show the date of the alleged naturalization or declaration of intention, the title and location of the court in which instituted, and when available, the number of the document in question, if the proceeding has been had since September 26, 1906. In addition, in cases of naturalization prior to September 27, 1906, there should be given the date and place of the applicant's birth and the foreign country of which the applicant was a citizen or subject. In case the applicant is a corporation, a certified copy of the articles of incorporation should be filed.

(b) *Acreage claimed.* The applicant in the statement required under paragraph (a) of this section must show that the land claimed is not a part of a claim which embraced more than 160 acres on February 23, 1932. If the land claimed is part of a claim containing more than 160 acres, a full disclosure of all facts concerning the larger claim must be furnished.

§ 2542.3 Publication and posting of notice.

(a) If upon consideration of the application it is determined that the applicant is entitled to purchase the land applied for, the applicant will be required to publish notice of the application in a newspaper of general circulation in the county wherein the land applied for is situated. Notice for publication shall be issued in the following form:

Land Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Notice is hereby given that _____
(Name of applicant)
of _____, has filed applica-
(Address)
tion _____
(Number and land office)
under the act of February 23, 1932 (47 Stat. 53), to purchase _____,
(Land)
Sec. ____, T. ____, R. ____, _____ Mer.,
claiming under _____.
(Ground of claim)

The purpose of this notice is to allow all persons having bona fide objection to the proposed purchase, an opportunity to file their protests in this office on or before _____.
(Date)

_____
(Manager)

(b) The notice shall be published at the expense of the applicant and such publication shall be made once each week for a period of five consecutive weeks. A copy of the notice will be posted in the land office during the entire period of publication. The applicant must file evidence showing that publication has been had for the required time, which evidence must consist of the statement of the publisher, accompanied by a copy of the notice as published.

§ 2542.4 Patent.

(a) Upon submission of satisfactory proof of publication and the expiration of the time allowed for the filing of objections against the application, if there be no protest, contest or other objection against the application, patent will then be issued by the manager.

(b) There will be incorporated in patents issued on applications under the above act, the following:

Excepting and reserving, however, to the United States, the coal and all other minerals in the land so patented, together with the right of the United States or its permittees, lessees, or grantees, to enter upon said lands for the purpose of prospecting for and mining such deposits as provided for under the act of February 23, 1932 (47 Stat. 53).

Subpart 2543—Erroneously Meandered Lands, Arkansas

§ 2543.1 Applications.

(a) Applications to purchase under the act of September 21, 1922, must be signed by the applicant in the State of Arkansas. Such applications had to be filed within 90 days from the date of the passage of this act, if the lands had been surveyed and plats filed, otherwise they must be filed within 90 days from the filing of such plats. The applicant must show that he is either a native-born or naturalized citizen of the United States, and, if naturalized, file record evidence thereof; must describe the land which he desires to purchase, together with the land claimed as the basis of his preference right to the lands applied for if he applies as a riparian owner, or if claiming otherwise, under what color of title his claim is based, and that the applied-for lands are not lawfully appropriated by a qualified settler or entryman under the public land laws, nor in the legal possession of any adverse applicant; the kind, character, and value of the improvements on the land covered by the application; when they were placed thereon; the extent of the cultivation had, if any, and how long continued. This application must be supported by the statements of two persons having personal knowledge of the facts alleged in the application.

(b) All applications to purchase under the act must be accompanied by an application service fee of $10 which will not be returnable.

§ 2543.2 Appraisal of land.

When an application is received it will be assigned for investigation and appraisement of the land in accordance with the provisions of the act of September 21, 1922.

§ 2543.3 Purchase price required.

If upon consideration of the application it shall be determined that the applicant is entitled to purchase the lands applied for, the applicant will be notified by registered mail that he must within 30 days from service of notice deposit the appraised price, or thereafter, and without further notice, forfeit all rights under his application.

§ 2543.4 Publication and posting.

Upon payment of the appraised price a notice of publication will be issued. Such notice shall be published at the expense of the applicant in a designated newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of the lands once a week for five consecutive weeks immediately prior to the date of sale, but a sufficient time should elaspe between the date of last publication and date of sale to enable the statement of the publisher to be filed. The notice will advise all persons claiming adversely to the applicant that they should file any objections or protests against the allowance of the application within the period of publication, otherwise the application may be allowed. Any objections or protests must be corroborated, and a copy thereof served upon the applicant. The Bureau of Land Management will cause a notice similar to the notice for publication to be posted in such office, during the entire period of publication. The publisher of the newspaper must file in the Bureau of Land Management prior to the date fixed by the sale evidence that publication has been had for the required period, which evidence must consist of the statement of the publisher, accompanied by a copy of the notice published.

§ 2543.5 Patent.

Upon submission of satisfactory proof, if no protest or contest is pending, patent will be issued.

Subpart 2544—Erroneously Meandered Lands, Louisiana

§ 2544.1 Applications.

(a) Applications to purchase under the act of February 19, 1925, must be signed by the applicant in the State of Louisiana. Such applications had to be filed within 90 days from the passage of this act, if the lands had been surveyed and plats filed, otherwise they must be filed within 90 days from the filing of such plat. The applicant must show that he is either a native-born or a naturalized citizen of the United States, and, if naturalized, file record evidence thereof; must describe the land which he desires to purchase, together with the land claimed as the basis of his preference right to the lands applied for if he applies as a riparian owner, or if claiming otherwise, under what color of the title his claim is based; in other words, a complete history of the claim, and that the lands applied for are not lawfully appropriated by a qualified settler or entryman under the public land laws, nor in the legal possession of any adverse applicant; the kind, character, and value of the improvements on the land covered by the application; when they were placed thereon; the extent of the cultivation, if any, and how long continued. Such application must be supported by the statement of at least two persons having personal knowledge of the facts alleged in the application.

(b) All applications to purchase under the act must be accompanied by an application service fee of $10 which will not be returnable.

§ 2544.2 Appraisal of land.

When an application is received it will be assigned for investigation and appraisement of the land in accordance with the provisions of the act.

§ 2544.3 Notice to deposit purchase price.

If, upon consideration of the application, it shall be determined that the applicant is entitled to purchase the lands applied for, the applicant will be notified, by registered mail, that he must within 6 months from receipt of notice deposit the appraised price of the land or else forfeit all his rights under his application.

§ 2544.4 Publication and posting.

Upon payment of the appraised price of the land the Bureau will issue notice of publication. Such notice shall be published at the expense of the applicant in a designated newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of the lands, once a week for five consecutive weeks. In accordance with § 1824.3 of this chapter, immediately prior to the date of sale, but a sufficient time shall elapse between the date of the last publication and the date of sale to enable the statement of the publisher to be filed. The notice will advise all persons claiming adversely to the applicant that they should file any objections or protests against the allowance of the application within the period of publication, otherwise the application may be allowed. Any objections or protests must be corroborated, and a copy thereof served upon the applicant. The Bureau will also cause a copy of such notice of publication to be posted in such office during the entire period of publication. The applicant must file in the Bureau prior to the date fixed for the sale evidence that publication has been had for the required period, which evidence must consist of the statement of the publisher accompanied by a copy of the notice so published.

§ 2544.5 Patent.

Upon the submission of satisfactory proof, the Bureau will, if no protest or contest is pending, issue patent, such patent to contain a stipulation that all the minerals in the lands described in the application are reserved to the United States with the right to prospect for, mine and remove same.

Subpart 2545—Erroneously Meandered Lands, Wisconsin

§ 2545.1 Qualifications of applicants.

(a) To qualify under the act of 1954, a person, or his predecessors in interest, (1) must have been issued, prior to January 21, 1953, a patent for lands lying along the meander line as originally determined, and (2) must have held in good faith and in peaceful, adverse possession since the date of issuance of said patent adjoining public lands lying between the original meander line and the resurveyed meander line.

(b) To qualify under the act of 1925, a person must either (1) be the owner in good faith of land, acquired prior to February 27, 1925, shown by the official public land surveys to be bounded in whole or in part by such public lands or (2) be a citizen of the United States who, in good faith under color of title or claiming as a riparian owner, had, prior to February 27, 1925, placed valuable improvements upon or reduced to cultivation any of such public lands.

§ 2545.2 Applications.

(a) Claimants under the act of 1925 have a preferred right of application for a period of 90 days from the date of filing of the plat of survey of lands claimed by them. Applications for public lands under the act of 1954 must be filed within 1 year after August 24, 1954, or 1 year from the date of the official plat or resurvey, whichever is later. All applications must be filed in the proper land office (see § 1821.2–1 of this chapter).

(b) Every application must be accompanied by a filing fee of $10, which is not returnable.

(c) No particular form is required but the applications must be typewritten or in legible handwriting and must contain the following information:

(1) The name and post office address of the applicant.

(2) The legal description and acreage of the public lands claimed or desired.

(3) The legal description of the lands owned by the applicant, if any, adjoining the public lands claimed or desired. If the claim is based on ownership of such adjoining lands, the application must be accompanied by a certificate from the proper county official or by an abstractor, showing the date of acquisition of the lands by the applicant and that the applicant owns the lands in fee simple as of the date of application.

(4) If the applicant is a color-of-title applicant under the act of 1925, a statement whether or not the applicant is a citizen of the United States.

(5) If the application is based on color of title or riparian claim under the act of 1925, a statement fully disclosing the facts of the matter; or if the application is based on peaceful, adverse possession under the act of 1954, a similar statement showing peaceful, adverse possession by the applicant, or his predecessors in interest, since the issuance of the patent to the lands adjoining the claimed lands.

(6) A statement showing the improvements, if any, placed on the public lands applied for including their location, nature, present value, date of installation, and the names of the person or persons who installed them.

(7) A statement showing the cultivation, if any, of the lands applied for, including the nature, location, and dates of such cultivation.

(8) The names and post office addresses of any adverse claimants, settlers, or occupants of the public lands applied for or claimed.

(9) The names and post office addresses of at least two disinterested persons having knowledge of the facts relating to the applicant's claim.

(10) A citation of the act under which the application is made.

§ 2545.3 Publication and protests.

(a) The applicant will be required to publish once a week for five consecutive weeks in accordance with § 1824.3 of this chapter, at his expense, in a designated newspaper and in a designated form, a notice allowing all persons claiming the land adversely to file with the Bureau of Land Management, Washington, D.C., their objections to issuance of patent under the application. A protestant must serve on the applicant a copy of the objections and furnish evidence of such service.

(b) The applicant must file a statement of the publisher, accompanied by a copy of the notice published, showing that publication has been had for the required time.

§ 2545.4 Price of land; other conditions.

(a) Persons entitled to a patent under the act of 1954 must, within 30 days after request therefor, pay, under the same terms and conditions, the same price per acre as was paid for the land included in their original patent.

(b) Persons entitled to a patent under the act of 1925, within 30 days after request therefor, must pay the appraised price of the lands, which price will be the value of the lands as of the date of appraisal, exclusive of any increased

value resulting from the development or improvement of the lands for agricultural purposes by the applicant or his predecessors in interest but inclusive of the stumpage value of any timber cut or removed by them.

Subpart 2546—Snake River, Idaho, Omitted Lands

§ 2546.1 Offers of lands for sale.

Before any lands may be sold under the Act, the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management shall publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER and in at least one newspaper of general circulation within the State of Idaho a notice that the lands will be offered for sale, which notice shall specify a period of time not less than 30 days in duration during which citizens may file with the land office at Boise, Idaho, a notice of their intention to apply to purchase all or part of the lands as qualified preference-right claimants.

§ 2546.2 Applications for purchase.

(a) All citizens who file a notice of intention in accordance with § 2546.1 within the time period specified in the published notice or any amendment thereof will be granted by the authorized officer a period of time not less than 30 days in duration in which to file, in duplicate with the Manager of the Boise Land Office, their applications to purchase lands as preference-right claimants.

(b) Every application must be accompanied by a filing fee of $10, which is not returnable.

(c) No particular form is required but the applications must be typewritten or in legible handwriting and must contain the following information:

(1) The name and post office address of the claimant.

(2) The description and acreage of the public lands claimed or desired.

(3) The description of the lands owned by the applicant, if any, adjoining the public lands claimed or desired, accompanied by a certificate from the proper county official or by an abstractor or by an attorney showing the date of acquisition of the lands by the applicant and that the applicant owns the lands in fee simple as of the date of application.

(4) A statement showing that the claimant is a citizen of the United States, as defined in subparagraph (4) of § 2540.0–3(f).

(5) A statement giving the basis for color of title or claim of riparian ownership.

(6) A statement showing the improvements, if any, placed on the public lands applied for including their location, nature, present value, date of installation, and the names of the person or persons who installed them.

(7) A statement showing the cultivation and occupancy, if any, of the lands applied for, including the nature, location, and date of such cultivation and occupancy.

(8) The names and post office addresses of any adverse claimants, settlers, or occupants of the public lands claimed.

(9) The names and addresses of at least two disinterested persons having knowledge of the facts relating to the applicant's claim.

(10) A citation of the act under which the application is made.

§ 2546.3 Payment and publication.

(a) Before lands may be sold to a qualified preference-right claimant, the claimant will be required to pay the purchase price of the lands and will be required to publish once a week for four consecutive weeks, at his expense, in a designated newspaper and in a designated form, a notice allowing all persons having objections to file with the Manager of the Land Office at Boise, Idaho, their objections to issuance of patent to the claimant. A protestant must serve on the claimant a copy of the objections and must furnish the Manager with evidence of such service.

(b) Among other things, the notice will describe the lands to be patented, state the purchase price for the lands, and the reservations, if any, to be included in the patent to preserve public recreational values in the lands.

(c) The claimant must file a statement of the publisher, accompanied by a copy of the notice published, showing that publication has been had for the required time.

§ 2246.4 Public auctions.

(a) The authorized officer may sell under the Act at public auction any lands for which preference-claimants do not qualify for patents under the regulations of paragraph 2540.0–3(f) and subpart 2546.

(b) Lands will be sold under this section at not less than their appraised fair market value at the time and place and in the manner specified by the authorized officer in a public notice of the sale.

(c) Bids may be made by the principal or his agent, either personally at the sale or by mail.

(d) A bid sent by mail must be received at the place and within the time specified in the public notice. Each such bid must clearly state (1) the name and address of the bidder and (2) the specified tract, as described in the notice for which the bid is made. The envelope must be noted as required by the notice.

(e) Each bid by mail must be accompanied by certified or cashier's check, post office money order or bank draft for the amount of the bid.

(f) The person who submits the highest bid for each tract at the close of bidding, but not less than the minimum price, will be declared the purchaser.

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DISPOSITION; OCCUPANCY AND USE

MINING CLAIM OCCUPANCY ACT

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Subpart 2550—Mining Claim Occupancy Act: General

§ 2550.0–2 Objectives.

(a) The program of the Secretary of the Interior in the administration of the Act is to grant to qualified applicants maximum tenure consistent with the public interest in the lands which they occupy. Where the public interest does not permit sale of a fee simple interest, the period of tenure granted will ordinarily not terminate until the land is needed for a public program, provided that, where paragraph (b) of § 2550.0–3 is applicable, tenure shall also be consistent with the terms and conditions specified by the agency or department in aid of whose function the lands are used. The right to purchase an alternate tract will ordinarily be granted a qualified applicant where the consent mentioned in paragraph (b) of § 2550.0–3 is required but not given and the other requirements of that paragraph are satisfied.

(b) In determining the price for the interest to be conveyed under the Act, the Secretary of the Interior will weigh and evaluate the equities claimed by the applicant and will also give consideration to other equities which his investigation may reveal.

§ 2550.0–3 Authority.

(a) The Act of October 23, 1962, as amended (76 Stat. 1127; 30 U.S.C. 701–709), hereinafter referred to as "the Act", authorizes the Secretary of the Interior, in his discretion, to convey to any qualified applicant who is an occupant of an unpatented mining claim which is determined by the Secretary to be invalid, an interest, up to and including a fee simple, in and to an area within the claim of not more than (1) five acres, or (2) the acreage actually occupied by him, whichever is less. The Act permits the Secretary to make a like conveyance to any occupant of an unpatented mining claim, who, after notice from a qualified officer of the United States that the claim is believed to be invalid, relinquishes to the United States all right in and to such claim which he may have under the mining laws. Such conveyances may be made only to a qualified applicant who applies therefor within the period ending June 30, 1971, and upon payment of an amount established in accordance with the Act.

(b) The Act further provides that when the qualified applicant applies for lands which have been withdrawn in aid of a function of a Federal department or agency other than the Department of the Interior, or of a State, county, municipality, water district, or other local governmental subdivision or agency, the Secretary of the Interior may convey an interest therein only with the consent of the head of the governmental unit concerned and under such terms and conditions as said head may deem necessary. Where such consent is not given, the Act permits the Secretary, after arrangements satisfactory to the Secretary have been made for termination of the applicant's occupancy of his unpatented mining claim and for settlement of any liability for the unauthorized use thereof which may have been incurred, to grant the applicant a right to purchase, for residential use, an interest in another tract made available by him for sale under the Act (1) from unappropriated and unreserved lands of the United States or (2) from lands subject to classification under section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act (48 Stat. 1272, 43 U.S.C. 315f), as amended, said right to expire within 5 years from the date on which it is granted, unless sooner exercised.

(c) The Act requires the Secretary, prior to any conveyance under the Act, to determine the fair market value, as of the date of appraisal, of the interest to be conveyed exclusive of the value of any improvements placed on the lands by the applicant or his predecessors in interest. It also requires him, in establishing the purchase price to be paid by the applicant, to take into consideration any equities of the applicant and his predecessors in interest, including conditions of prior use and occupancy, the price never to exceed its fair market value nor to be less than $5 per acre and to be payable, in the discretion of the Secretary, in a lump sum or in installments.

(d) The Act provides that all conveyances thereunder shall reserve to the United States all mineral interests of the United States in the lands conveyed for the term of the estate. It withdraws from all forms of entry and appropriation, for the term of the estate conveyed, reserve minerals locatable under the mining laws or disposable under the Act of July 31, 1947 (61 Stat. 681, 30 U.S.C. 601–604, as amended). It permits the Secretary to lease, under the mineral leasing laws, reserved oil, gas, and other leasable minerals for exploration and development purposes, but without the right of surface ingress or egress.

(e) The Act provides that the execution of any conveyance thereunder does not relieve an applicant of any liability, existing on the date of the conveyance, to the United States, for unauthorized use of the land in and to which an interest is granted. However, it provides that with respect to persons who file applications

for conveyance pursuant to the Act within the period ending June 30, 1971, trespass charges shall not be sought or collected from any qualified applicant who has filed an application for land in the mining claim pursuant to the Act, based upon occupancy of such claim, whether residential or otherwise, for any period preceding the final administrative determination of the invalidity of the mining claim by the Secretary or the voluntary relinquishment of the mining claim, whichever occurs earlier, provided that the mining claim embracing the land applied for was not located at a time when the land included therein was withdrawn or otherwise not subject to location.

(f) The Act provides that any conveyance of less than a fee made under the Act shall include provision for removal from the tract of any improvements or other property of the applicant at the close of the period for which the conveyance is made, or if it be an interest terminating on the death of the applicant, within one year thereafter.

§ 2550.0–5 Definitions.

As used in the Act and the regulations of this part:

(a) The term "qualified applicant" means (1) a residential occupant-owner, as of October 23, 1962, of valuable improvements in an unpatented mining claim which constitute for him a principal place of residence and which he and his predecessors in interest were in possession of for not less than seven years prior to July 23, 1962 or (2) the heirs or devisees of such a residential occupant-owner.

(b) The term "occupant-owner" refers to persons who, on October 23, 1962, claimed title to valuable improvements which they or their predecessors in interest have constructed on an unpatented mining claim even though title to the improvements might ultimately be found to be in the Government.

(c) The term "interest" includes any estate in lands, including, but not limited to, fee simple, life estate, estate for a term of years, lease, or permit.

(d) The term "a principal place of residence" means an improved site used by a qualified applicant as one of his principal places of residence except during periods when weather and topography may make it impracticable for use. The term does not mean a site given casual or intermittent residential use, such as for a hunting cabin or for weekend occupancy.

(e) The term "qualified officer of the United States" means the Secretary of the Interior or his designate within the Department of the Interior or, with respect to lands within the administrative jurisdiction of any other department or agency, the designate of the head of that department or agency under authority delegated to him by the Secretary of the Interior.

(f) The word "equities" is intended to include for consideration such things as the pecuniary situation of the applicant, his ability to pay, whether he previously paid market value for the property, the date when the mining claim was first staked, whether there are substantial reasons to believe that a concerted effort was made to develop and extract the minerals sought as compared to a casual attempt, whether such minerals were actually extracted and the deposit depleted, and whether the applicant was relying on custom in his occupancy. The word "equities" does not include any payments of real property taxes, public benefit assessments, or any other public service charges.

§ 2550.0–7 Cross reference.

For conveyance of less than a fee see also Part 2914 of this chapter.

Subpart 2551—Mining Claim Occupancy

§ 2551.1 Petitions.

Any person who holds a mining claim which has not been invalidated and who wishes to determine whether he should make application under the Act, may petition, in writing, any qualified officer of the United States to state whether or not he believes the claim to be invalid. The petition must be accompanied by a nonrefundable petition service fee of $5. Such a petition will not be considered an admission of the invalidity of a claim. The petition should include the name and post office address of the claimant, the name, location and legal description of the mining claim or references sufficient to identify the land on the ground, the date of the location, date and place of recordation and claim of title, a description, including dates, of improvements placed on the lands, and a request for a statement of belief as to the invalidity of the claim.

§ 2551.2 Applications.

(a) A filing fee of $10 which is not returnable is required, and should accompany the application.

(b) Applicants must file applications on or before June 30, 1971, in the proper land office (see § 1821.2–1 of this chapter).

(c) No particular form of application is required but the application must be typewritten or in legible handwriting and should contain the following information:

(1) Name and post office address of the applicant.

(2) Location of the mining claim by legal or other description sufficient to permit ready, accurate identification of the lands on the ground.

(3) Date of location of mining claim, name of claim, date and place of recordation, and chain of title.

(4) A description of the improvements placed upon the lands involved, and a

statement showing that a residence had been on the claim since prior to July 23, 1955.

(5) A statement as to ownership and possession of the improvements during the period beginning with July 23, 1955, through October 23, 1962, including the name or names of any predecessors in interest during said period.

(6) Reference to the Act of October 23, 1962 (76 Stat. 1127).

(7) The date the mining claim was determined to be invalid or the date the claim was relinquished to the United States.

(8) A statement of the interest in lands which the applicant desires, such as "fee title," "lease," or "life estate."

(9) A statement of any equities which the applicant feels should be considered in establishing the purchase price.

(10) A description of the lands, not to exceed 5 acres, claimed to be actually occupied.

§ 2551.3 Offers to convey an interest in the lands applied for.

Where the authorized officer determines that an interest in the lands applied for can be conveyed, he will submit to the applicant an offer to convey, specifying the term of the estate offered, the conditions precedent which must be met before conveyance may be made, the limitations and reservations to be contained in the conveyance, the price to be paid, the cost of survey, if any, the conditions subsequent to be performed by the applicant, and the time within which the offer must be accepted. (See § 2550.0–3.)

§ 2551.4 Offers of alternate tracts.

(a) Where the authorized officer determines that an interest in the lands sought cannot be conveyed, he will so notify the applicant, giving his reasons therefor.

(b) Where the authorized officer determines that the conveyance of an interest in lands is otherwise justified but that the interests cannot be conveyed because the consent mentioned in § 2552.1–1 is not given, and he determines further that it would be proper to grant the applicant the right to select an alternate tract under the Act, he will advise that if satisfactory arrangements are made for termination of the occupancy of the unpatented mining claims and for settlement of any liability for unauthorized use thereof which may have been incurred, he will grant the applicant the right to select and purchase within 5 years an alternate tract from lands available or to be made available under the Act. The first applicant to select an available tract will have a preference right to purchase it at the price and under the terms set by the authorized officer, including a limitation on the time within which the applicant may purchase the tract selected.

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DISPOSITION; OCCUPANCY AND USE

ALASKA OCCUPANCY AND USE

NATIVE ALLOTMENTS
TRADE AND MANUFACTURING SITES
HOMESITES OR HEADQUARTERS

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Subpart 2561—Native Allotments

§ 2561.0–2 Objectives.

It is the program of the Secretary of the Interior to enable individual natives of Alaska to acquire title to the lands they use and occupy and to protect the lands from the encroachment of others.

§ 2561.0–3 Authority.

The act of May 17, 1906 (34 Stat. 197), as amended August 2, 1956 (70 Stat. 954; 48 U.S.C. 357, 357a, 357b), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to allot not to exceed 160 acres of vacant, unappropriated, and unreserved nonmineral land in Alaska or, subject to the provisions of the act of March 8, 1922 (42 Stat. 415; 48 U.S.C. 376–377), of vacant, unappropriated, and unreserved public land in Alaska that may be valuable for coal, oil, or gas deposits, or, under certain conditions, of national forest lands in Alaska, to any Indian, Aleut or Eskimo of full or mixed blood who resides in and is a native of Alaska, and who is the head of a family, or is twenty-one years of age.

§ 2561.0–5 Definitions.

As used in the regulations in this section,

(a) The term "substantially continuous use and occupancy" contemplates the customary seasonality of use and occupancy by the applicant of any land used by him for his livelihood and well-being and that of his family. Such use and occupancy must be substantial actual possession and use of the land, at least potentially exclusive of others, and not merely intermittent use.

(b) "Allotment" is an allocation to a Native of land of which he has made substantially continuous use and occupancy for a period of five years and which shall be deemed the "homestead" of the allottee and his heirs in perpetuity, and shall be inalienable and nontaxable except as otherwise provided by the Congress.

(c) "Allotment Act" means the Act of May 17, 1906 (34 Stat. 197), as amended (48 U.S.C. 357, 357a, 357b).

§ 2561.0–8 Lands subject to allotment.

(a) A Native may be granted a single allotment of not to exceed 160 acres of land. All the lands in an allotment need not be contiguous but each separate tract of the allotment should be in reasonably compact form.

(b) In areas where the rectangular survey pattern is appropriate, an allotment may be in terms of 40-acre legal subdivisions and survey lots on the basis that substantially continuous use and occupancy of a significant portion of such smallest legal subdivision shall normally entitle the applicant to the full subdivision, absent conflicting claims.

(c) Allotments may be made in national forests if founded on occupancy of the land prior to the establishment of the particular forest or if an authorized officer of the Department of Agriculture certifies that the land in the application for allotment is chiefly valuable for agricultural or grazing purposes.

(d) Lands in applications for allotment and allotments that may be valuable for coal, oil, or gas deposits are subject to the regulations of § 2093.4 of this chapter.

§ 2561.1 Applications.

(a) Applications for allotment properly and completely executed on a form approved by the Director, Bureau of Land Management, must be filed in the land office which has jurisdiction over the lands.

(b) Any application for allotment of lands which extend more than 160 rods along the shore of any navigable waters shall be considered a request for waiver of the 160-rod limitation (see Part 2094 of this chapter).

(c) If surveyed, the land must be described in the application according to legal subdivisions and must conform to the plat of survey when possible. If unsurveyed, it must be described as accurately as possible by metes and bounds and tied to natural objects. On unsurveyed lands, the application should be accompanied by a map or approved protracted survey diagram showing approximately the lands included in the application.

(d) An application for allotment shall be rejected unless the authorized officer of the Bureau of Indian Affairs certifies that the applicant is a native qualified to make application under the Allotment

Act, that the applicant has occupied and posted the lands as stated in the application, and that the claim of the applicant does not infringe on other native claims or area of native community use.

(e) The filing of an acceptable application for allotment will segregate the lands. Thereafter subsequent conflicting applications for such lands shall be rejected, except when accompanied by a showing that the applicant for allotment has permanently abandoned use and occupancy of the land.

(f) By the filing of an application for allotment the applicant acquires no rights except as provided in paragraph (e) of this section. If the applicant does not submit the required proof within six years of the filing of his application in the land office, has application for allotment will terminate without affecting the rights he gained by virtue of his occupancy of the land or his right to make another application.

§ 2561.2 Proof of use and occupancy.

(a) An allotment will not be made until the lands are surveyed by the Bureau of Land Management, and until the applicant or the authorized officer of the Bureau of Indian Affairs has made satisfactory proof of substantially continuous use and occupancy of the land for a period of five years by the applicant. Such proof shall be made on a form approved by the Director, Bureau of Land Management, and filed in the appropriate land office. If made by the applicant, it must be signed by him, but if he is unable to write his name, his mark or thumb print shall be impressed on the statement and witnessed by two persons. This proof may be submitted with the application for allotment if the applicant has then used and occupied the land for five years, or may be made at any time within six years after the filing of the application when the requirements have been met.

§ 2561.3 Effect of allotment.

(a) Land allotted under the Act is the property of the allottee and his heirs in perpetuity, and is inalienable and nontaxable. However, a native of Alaska who received an allotment under the Act, or his heirs, may with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative, convey the complete title to the allotted land by deed. The allotment shall thereafter be free of any restrictions against alienation and taxation unless the purchaser is a native of Alaska who the Secretary determines is unable to manage the land without the protection of the United States and the conveyance provides for a continuance of such restrictions.

(b) Application by an allottee or his heirs for approval to convey title to land allotted under the Allotment Act shall be filed with the appropriate officer of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Subpart 2562—Trade and Manufacturing Sites

§ 2562.0–3 Authority.

Section 10 of the act of May 14, 1898 (30 Stat. 413, as amended August 23, 1958 (72 Stat. 730; 48 U.S.C. 461), authorizes the sale at the rate of $2.50 per acre of not exceeding 80 acres of land in Alaska possessed and occupied in good faith as a trade and manufacturing site. The lands must be nonmineral in character, except that lands that may be valuable for coal, oil, or gas deposits are subject to disposition under the act of March 8, 1922 (42 Stat. 415; 48 U.S.C. 376–377), as amended, and the regulations of § 2093.4 of this chapter.

§ 2562.1 Initiation of claim.

(a) *Notice.* Any qualified person, association, or corporation initiating a claim on or after April 29, 1950, under section 10 of the act of May 14, 1898, by the occupation of vacant and unreserved public land in Alaska for the purposes of trade, manufacture, or other productive industry, must file notice of the claim for recordation in the land office for the district in which the land is situated, within 90 days after such initiation. Where on April 29, 1950, such a claim was held by a qualified person, association, or corporation, the claimant must file notice of the claim in the proper land office, within 90 days from that date.

(b) *Form of notice.* The notice must be filed on a form approved by the Director in triplicate if the land is unsurveyed, or in duplicate if surveyed, and shall contain: (1) The name and address of the claimant, (2) age and citizenship, (3) date of occupancy, and (4) the description of the land by legal subdivisions, section, township and range, if surveyed, or, if unsurveyed, by metes and bounds with reference to some natural object or permanent monument, giving, if desired, the approximate latitude and longitude. The notice must designate the kind of trade, manufacture, or other productive industry in connection with which the site is maintained or desired.

(c) *Failure to file notice.* Unless a notice of the claim is filed within the time prescribed in paragraph (a) of this section no credit shall be given for occupancy of the site prior to filing of notice in the proper land office, or application to purchase, whichever is earlier.

(d) *Recording fee.* The notice of the claim must be accompanied by a remittance of $10.00, which will be earned and applied as a service charge for recording the notice, and will not be returnable, except in cases where the notice is not acceptable to the land office for recording, because the land is not subject to the form of disposition specified in the notice.

§ 2562.2 Qualifications of applicant.

An application must show that the applicant is a citizen of the United States and 21 years of age, and that he has not theretofore applied for land as a trade and manufacturing site. If such site has been applied for and the application not completed, the facts must be shown. If the application is made for an association of citizens or a corporation, the qualifications of each member of the organization must be shown. In the case of a corporation, proof of incorporation must be established by the certificate of the officer having custody of the records of incorporation at the place of its formation and it must be shown that the corporation is authorized to hold land in Alaska.

§ 2562.3 Applications.

(a) *Execution.* Application for a trade and manufacturing site should be executed in duplicate and should be filed in the proper land office. It need not be sworn to, but it must be signed by the applicant and must be corroborated by the statements of two persons.

(b) *Fees.* All applications must be accompanied by an application service fee of $10 which will not be returnable.

(c) *Time for filing.* Application to purchase a claim, along with the required proof or showing, must be filed within 5 years after the filing of notice of the claim.

(d) *Contents.* The application to enter must show:

(1) That the land is actually used and occupied for the purpose of trade, manufacture or other productive industry when it was first so occupied, the character and value of the improvements thereon and the nature of the trade, business or productive industry conducted thereon and that it embraces the applicant's improvements and is needed in the prosecution of the enterprise. A site for a prospective business cannot be acquired under section 10 of the act of May 14, 1898 (30 Stat. 413; 48 U.S.C. 461).

(2) That no portion of the land is occupied or reserved for any purpose by the United States or occupied or claimed by natives of Alaska; that the land is unoccupied, unimproved, and unappropriated by any person claiming the same other than the applicant.

(3) That the land does not abut more than 80 rods of navigable water.

(4) That the land is not included within an area which is reserved because of springs thereon. All facts relative to medicinal or other springs must be stated, in accordance with paragraph 2311.2(a) of this chapter.

(5) That no part of the land is valuable for mineral deposits other than coal, oil or gas, and that at the date of location no part of the land was claimed under the mining laws.

(e) *Description of land.* If the land be surveyed, it must be described in the application according to legal subdivisions of the public-land surveys. If it be unsurveyed, the application must describe it by approximate latitude and longitude and otherwise with as much certainty as possible without survey.

§ 2562.4 Survey.

If the land applied for be unsurveyed and no objection to its survey is known to the manager, he will furnish the applicant with a certificate stating the facts, and, after receiving such certificate, the applicant may make application to the State Director for the survey of the land. Upon receipt of an application, the State Director will, if conditions make such procedure practicable and no objection is shown by his records, furnish the applicant with an estimate of the cost of field and office work, and upon receipt of the deposit required will issue appropriate instructions for the survey of the claim, such survey to be made not later than the next surveying season. The sum so deposited by the applicant for survey will be deemed an appropriation thereof and will be held to be expended in the payment of the cost of the survey, including field and office work, and upon the acceptance of the survey any excess over the cost shall be repaid to the depositor or his legal representative.

In case it is decided that by reason of the inaccessibility of the locality embraced in an application for the survey, or by reason of other condtions, it will result to the advantage of the Government or claimant to have the survey executed by a deputy surveyor, the State Director will deliver an order to the applicant for such survey, which will be sufficient authority for any deputy surveyor to make a survey of the claim.

In the latter contingency the survey must be made at the expense of the applicant, and no right will be recognized as initiated by such application unless actual work on the survey is begun and carried to completion without unnecessary delay.

§ 2562.5 Publication and posting.

The instructions given in section 1824 of this chapter, relative to publication and posting.

§ 2562.6 Form of entry.

Claims initiated by occupancy after survey must conform thereto in occupation and application, but if the public surveys are extended over the lands after occupancy and prior to application, the claim may be presented in conformity with such surveys, or, at the election of the applicant, a special survey may be had.

§ 2562.7 Patent.

The application and proofs filed therewith will be carefully examined and, if all be found regular, the application will be allowed and patent issued upon payment for the land at the rate of $2.50 per acre, and in the absence of objections shown by his records.

Subpart 2563—Homesites or Headquarters

§ 2563.0–2 Purpose.

(a) *Act of March 3, 1927.* The purpose of this statute is to enable fishermen, trappers, traders, manufacturers, or others engaged in productive industry in Alaska to purchase small tracts of unreserved land in the State, not exceeding 5 acres, as homesteads or headquarters.

§ 2563.0–3 Authority.

The act of March 3, 1927 (44 Stat. 1364; 48 U.S.C. 461), as amended, authorizes the sale as a homestead or headquarters of not to exceed five acres of unreserved public lands in Alaska at the rate of $2.50 per acre, to any citizen of the United States 21 years of age employed by citizens of the United States, association of such citizens, or by corporations organized under the laws of the United States, or of any State or Territory, whose employer is engaged in trade, manufacture, or other productive industry in Alaska, and to any such person who is himself engaged in trade, manufacture or other productive industry in Alaska. The lands must be nonmineral in character except that lands that may be valuable for coal, oil, or gas deposits are subject to disposition under the provisions of the act of March 8, 1922 (42 Stat. 415; 48 U.S.C. 376–377), as amended.

(b) The act of May 26, 1934 (48 Stat. 809; 48 U.S.C. 461) amended section 10 of the act of May 14, 1898 (30 Stat. 413), as amended by the act of March 3, 1927 (44 Stat. 1364), so as to provide that any citizen, after occupying land of the character described in said section of a homestead or headquarters, in a habitable house not less than 5 months each year for 3 years, may purchase such tract, not exceeding 5 acres, in a reasonably compact form, without a showing as to his employment or business, upon the payment of $2.50 per acre, the minimum payment for any one tract to be $10.

§ 2563.0–7 Cross references.

See the following parts in this subchapter: for Indian and Eskimo allotments, Part 2530; for mining claims, Subpart 3826; for school indemnity selections, Subpart 2627; for shore space, Subpart 2094 for trade and manufacturing sites, Subpart 2562.

§ 2563.1 Purchase of tracts not exceeding 5 acres, on showing as to employment or business (Act of March 3, 1927).

(a) *Notice of initiation of claim.* A notice of the initiation of a claim under the act of March 3, 1927, must designate the kind of trade, manufacture, or other productive industry in connection with which the claim is maintained or desired, and identify its ownership. The procedure as to notices will be governed in other respects by the provisions of § 2563.2–1 (a) to (d).

§ 2563.1–1 Application.

(a) *Form and contents of applications.* Applications under the act of March 3, 1927, must be filed in duplicate in the land office for the district in which the land is situated, and the claim must be in reasonably compact form.

An application need not be under oath but must be signed by the applicant and corroborated by the statements of two persons and must show the following facts:

(1) The age and citizenship of applicant.

(2) The actual use and occupancy of the land for which application is made for a homestead or headquarters.

(3) The date when the land was first occupied as a homestead or headquarters.

(4) The nature of the trade, business, or productive industry in which applicant or his employer, whether a citizen, an association of citizens, or a corporation is engaged.

(5) The location of the tract applied for with respect to the place of business and other facts demonstrating its adaptability to the purpose of a homestead or headquarters.

(6) That no portion of the tract applied for is occupied or reserved for any purpose by the United States, or occupied or claimed by any natives of Alaska, or occupied as a town site or missionary station or reserved from sale, and that the tract does not include improvements made by or in possession of another person, association, or corporation.

(7) That the land is not included within an area which is reserved because of springs thereon. All facts as to medicinal or other springs must be stated, in accordance with paragraph 2311.2(a).

(8) That no part of the land is valuable for mineral deposits other than coal, oil or gas, and that at the date of location no part of the land was claimed under the mining laws.

(9) If the land desired for purchase is surveyed, the application must include a description of the tract by aliquot parts of legal subdivisions, not exceeding 5 acres. If the tract is situated in the fractional portion of a sectional lotting, the lot may be subdivided; where such subdivision, however, would result in narrow strips or other areas containing less than 2½ acres, not suitable for disposal as separate units, such adjoining excess areas, in the discretion of the authorized officer and with the consent of the applicant, may be included with the tract applied for, without subdividing and the application will be amended

accordingly. Where a supplemental plat is required, to provide a proper description, it will be prepared at the time of approval of the application.

(10) If the land is unsurveyed, the application must be accompanied by a petition for survey, describing the tract applied for with as much certainty as possible, without actual survey, not exceeding 5 acres, and giving the approximate latitude and longitude of one corner of the claim.

(b) *Filing fee.* All applications must be accompanied by an application service fee of $10 which will not be returnable.

(c) *Time for filing application.* Application to purchase a claim, along with the required proof or showing, must be filed within 5 years after the filing of notice of the claim.

§ 2563.1–2 Approval.

Care will be taken in all cases before patent issues to see that the lands applied for are used for the purposes contemplated by the said act of March 3, 1927, and that they are not used for any purpose inconsistent therewith.

§ 2563.2 Purchase of tracts not exceeding 5 acres, without showing as to employment or business (Act of May 26, 1934).

§ 2563.2–1 Procedures for initiating claim.

(a) *Who must file.* Any qualified person initiating a claim under the act of May 26, 1934, must file notice of the claim for recordation in the land office for the district in which the land is situated, within 90 days after such initiation.

(b) *Form of notice.* The notice must be filed on a form approved by the Director in triplicate if the land is unsurveyed, or in duplicate if surveyed, and shall contain: (1) The name and address of the claimant, (2) age and citizenship, (3) date of settlement and occupancy and (4) the description of the land by legal subdivisions, section, township and range, if surveyed, or, if unsurveyed, by metes and bounds with reference to some natural object or permanent monument, giving, if desired, the approximate latitude and longitude.

(c) *Failure to file notice.* Unless a notice of the claim is filed within the time prescribed in paragraph (b) of this section no credit shall be given for occupancy of the site prior to filing of notice in the proper land office, or application to purchase, whichever is earlier.

(d) *Recording fee.* The notice of the claim must be accompanied by a remittance of $10.00, which will be applied as a service charge for recording the notice, and will not be returnable, except in cases where the notice is not acceptable to the land office for recording because the land is not subject to the form of disposition specified in the notice.

(e) *Form and contents of application.* Applications under the act of May 26, 1934, must be filed in duplicate, if for surveyed land, and in triplicate, if for unsurveyed land, in the land office for the district within which the land is situated.

An application need not be under oath but must be signed by the applicant and corroborated by the statements of two persons and must show the following facts:

(1) Full name, post office address and age of applicant.

(2) Whether the applicant is a native-born or naturalized citizen of the United States, and if naturalized, evidence of such naturalization must be furnished.

(3) A description of the habitable house on the land, the date when it was placed on the land, and the dates each year from which and to which the applicant has resided in such house.

(4) That no portion of the tract applied for is occupied or reserved for any purpose by the United States, or occupied or claimed by any native of Alaska, or occupied as a townsite, or missionary station, or reserved from sale, and that the tract does not include improvements made by or in the possession of any other person, association, or corporation.

(5) That the land is not included within an area which is reserved because of hot, medicinal or other springs, as explained in paragraph 2311.2(a). If there be any such springs upon or adjacent to the land, on account of which the land is reserved, the facts relative thereto must be set forth in full.

(6) That no part of the land is valuable for mineral deposits other than coal, oil or gas, and that at the date of location no part of the land was claimed under the mining laws.

(7) That the applicant has not theretofore applied for land under said act, or if he has previously purchased a tract he should make a full showing as to the former purchase and the necessity for the second application.

(8) An application for surveyed land must describe the land by aliquot parts of legal subdivisions, not exceeding 5 acres. If the tract is situated in the fractional portion of a sectional lotting, the lot may be subdivided; where such subdivision, however, would result in narrow strips or other areas containing less than 2½ acres, not suitable for disposal as separate units, such adjoining excess areas, in the discretion of the authorized officer and with the consent of the applicant, may be included with the tract applied for, without subdividing, and the application will be amended accordingly. Where a supplemental plat is required to provide a proper description, it will be prepared at the time of approval of the application.

(9) All applications for unsurveyed land must be accompanied by a petition for survey, describing the land applied for with as much certainty as possible, without actual survey, not exceeding 5 acres, and giving the approximate latitude and longitude of one corner of the claim.

(f) *Filing fee.* All applications must be accompanied by an application service fee of $10 which will not be returnable.

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Subpart 2564—Native Townsites

§ 2564.0–3 Authority.

The act of May 25, 1926, (44 Stat. 629; 48 U.S.C. 355a–355d) provides for the townsite survey and disposition of public lands set apart or reserved for the benefit of Indian or Eskimo occupants in trustee townsites in Alaska and for the survey and disposal of the lands occupied as native towns or villages. The act of February 26, 1948 (62 Stat. 35; 48 U.S.C. 355e), provides for the issuance of an unrestricted deed to any competent native for a tract of land claimed and occupied by him within any such trustee townsite.

§ 2564.0–4 Responsibility.

(a) *Administration of Indian possessions in trustee towns.* As to Indian possessions in trustee town-sites in Alaska established under authority of section 11 of the act of March 3, 1891 (26 Stat. 1009; 48 U.S.C. 355), and for which the town-site trustee has closed his accounts and been discharged as trustee, and as to such possessions in other trustee town-sites in Alaska, such person as may be designated by the Secretary of the Interior will perform all necessary acts and administer the necessary trusts in connection with the act of May 25, 1926.

(b) *Administration of native towns.* The trustee for any and all native towns in Alaska which may be established and surveyed under authority of section 3 of the said act of May 25, 1926 (44 Stat. 630; 48 U.S.C. 355c), will take such action as may be necessary to accomplish the objects sought to be accomplished by that section.

§ 2564.1 Application for restricted deed.

A native Indian or Eskimo of Alaska who occupies and claims a tract of land in a trustee town-site and who desires to obtain a restricted deed for such tract should file application therefor on a form approved by the Director, with the townsite trustee.

§ 2564.2 No payment, publication or proof required on entry for native towns.

In connection with the entry of lands as a native town or village under section 3 of the said act of May 25, 1926, no payment need be made as purchase money or as fees, and the publication and proof which are ordinarily required in connection with trustee town-sites will not be required.

§ 2564.3 Native towns occupied partly by white occupants.

Native towns which are occupied partly by white lot occupants will be surveyed and disposed of under the provisions of both the act of March 3, 1891 (26 Stat. 1095, 1099), and the act of May 25, 1926 (44 Stat. 629).

§ 2564.4 Provisions to be inserted in restricted deeds.

The town site trustee will note a proper reference to the act of May 25, 1926, on each deed which is issued under authority of that act and each such deed shall provide that the title conveyed is inalienable except upon approval of the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative, and that the issuance of the restricted deed does not subject the tract to taxation, to levy and sale in satisfaction of the debts, contracts or liabilities of the transferee, or to any claims of adverse occupancy or law of prescription; also, if the established streets and alleys of the town site have been extended upon and across the tract, that there is reserved to the town site the area covered by such streets and alleys as extended. The deed shall further provide that the approval by the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative of a sale by the Indian or Eskimo transferee shall vest in the purchaser a complete and unrestricted title from the date of such approval.

§ 2564.5 Sale of land for which restricted deed was issued.

When a native possessing a restricted deed for land in a trustee town site,

issued under authority of the act of May 25, 1926 (44 Stat. 629; 48 U.S.C. 355a–355d), desires to sell the land, he should execute a deed on a form approved by the Director, prepared for the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, or his authorized representative, and send it to the town-site trustee in Alaska. The town-site trustee will forward the deed to the Area Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs who will determine whether it should be approved. Where the deed is approved it shall be returned by the Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, through the town-site trustee to the vendor. In the event the Area Director determines that the deed shall not be approved, he shall so inform the native possessing the restricted deed, who shall have a right of appeal from such finding or decision to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs within sixty days from the date of notification of such finding or decision. The appeal shall be filed with the Area Director. Should the Commissioner uphold the decision of the Area Director, he shall notify the applicant of such action, informing him of his right of appeal to the Secretary of the Interior.

§ 2564.6 Application for unrestricted deed.

Any Alaska native who claims and occupies a tract of land in a trustee town site is the owner of land under a restricted deed issued under the act of May 25, 1926 (44 Stat. 629; 48 U.S.C. 355a–355e) may file an application for an unrestricted deed pursuant to the act of February 26, 1948 (62 Stat. 35; 48 U.S.C. 355e), with the town-site trustee. The application must be in writing and must contain a description of the land claimed and information regarding the competency of the applicant. It must also contain evidence substantiating the claim and occupancy of the applicant, except when the applicant has been issued a restricted deed for the land. A duplicate copy of the application must be submitted by the applicant to the Area Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

§ 2564.7 Determination of competency or noncompetency; issuance of unrestricted deed.

(a) Upon a determination by the Bureau of Indian Affairs that the applicant is competent to manage his own affairs, and in the absence of any conflict or other valid objection, the town-site trustee will issue an unrestricted deed to the applicant. Thereafter all restrictions as to sale, encumbrance, or taxation of the land applied for shall be removed, but the said land shall not be liable to the satisfaction of any debt, except obligations owed to the Federal Government, contracted prior to the issuance of such deed. Any adverse action under this section by the town-site trustee shall be subject to a right of appeal to the Director, Bureau of Land Management, and to the Secretary of the Interior, in accordance with Part 1840 of this chapter.

(b) In the event the Area Director determines that the applicant is not competent to manage his own affairs, he shall so inform the applicant, and such applicant shall have a right of appeal from such finding or decision to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, within 60 days from the date of notification of such finding or decision. The appeal shall be filed with the Area Director. Should the Commissioner uphold the decision of the Area Director, he shall notify the applicant of such action, informing him of his right of appeal to the Secretary of the Interior.

(c) Except as provided in this section, the town-site trustee shall not issue other than restricted deeds to Indian or other Alaska natives.

Subpart 2565—Nonnative Townsites

§ 2565.0–3 Authority.

The entry of public lands in Alaska for townsite purposes, by such trustee or trustees as may be named by the Secretary of the Interior for that purpose, is authorized by section 11 of the act of March 3, 1891.

§ 2565.0–7 Cross reference.

Townsites in Alaska may be reserved by the President and sold as provided for in sections 2380 and 2381 of the Revised Statutes; 43 U.S.C. 711. 712. The regulations governing these townsites are contained in §§ 2760.0–3 and 2761.3.

§ 2565.1 General requirements.

(a) *Survey of exterior lines; exclusions from town site survey.* If the land is unsurveyed the occupants must by application to the State Director, obtain a survey of the exterior lines of the town site which will be made at Government expense. There must be excluded from the tract to be surveyed and entered for the town site any lands set aside by the district court under section 31 of the act of June 6, 1900 (31 Stat. 332; 48 U.S.C. 40), for use as jail and courthouse sites, also all lands needed for Government purposes or use, together with any existing valid claim initiated under Russian rule.

(b) *Petition for trustee and for survey of lands into lots, blocks, etc.* When the survey of the exterior lines has been approved, or if the town site is on surveyed land, a petition, signed by a majority of occupants of the land, will be filed in the land office requesting the appointment of trustee and the survey of the town site into lots, blocks, and municipal reservations for public use, the expense thereof to be paid from assessments upon the lots, as provided in paragraph 2565.3(b) of this part.

(c) *Designation of trustee; payment required: area enterable.* If the petition be found sufficient, the Secretary of the Interior will designate a trustee to make entry of the town site, payment for which must be made at the rate of $1.25 per acre. If there are less than 100 inhabitants the area of the town site is

limited to 160 acres; if 100 and less than 200, to 320 acres; if more than 200, to 640 acres, this being the maximum area allowed by the statute.

§ 2565.2 Application; fees; contests and protests.

(a) *Filing of application; publication and posting; submission of proof.* The trustee will file his application and notice of intention to make proof, and thereupon the manager will issue the usual notice of making proof, to be posted and published at the trustee's expense, for the time and in the manner as in other cases provided, and proof must be made showing occupancy of the tract, number of inhabitants thereon, character of the land, extent, value, and character of improvements, and that the town site does not contain any land occupied by the United States for school or other purposes or land occupied under any existing valid claim initated under Russian rule.

(b) *Application service fee.* The trustee's application shall be accompanied by $10 application service fee which shall not be returnable.

(c) *Expense money to be advanced by lot occupants.* The occupants will advance a sufficient amount of money to pay for the land and the expenses incident to the entry to be refunded to them when realized from lot assessments.

(d) *Contests and protests.* Applications for entry will be subject to contest or protests as in other cases.

§ 2565.3 Subdivision.

(a) *Subdivision of land and payment therefore.* After the entry is made, the town site will be subdivided by the United States into blocks, lots, streets, alleys, and municipal public reservations. The expense of such survey will be paid from the appropriation for surveys in Alaska reimbursable from the lot assessments collected.

(b) *Lot assessments.* The trustee will assess against each lot, according to area, its share of the cost of the subdivisional survey. The trustee will make a valuation of each occupied or improved lot in the town site and assess upon such lots, according to their value, such rate and sum in addition to the cost of their share of the survey as will be necessary to pay all other expenses incident to the execution of his trust which have accrued up to the time of such levy. More than one assessment may be made if necessary to effect the purpose of the act of March 3, 1891, and this section.

(c) *Award and disposition of lots after subdivisional survey.* On the acceptance of the plat by the Bureau of Land Management, the trustee will publish a notice that he will, at the end of 30 days from the date thereof, proceed to award the lots applied for, and that all lots for which no applications are filed within 120 days from the date of said notice will be subject to disposition to the highest bidder at public sale. Only those who were occupants of lots or entitled to such occupancy at the date of the approval of final subdivisional town site survey or their assigns thereafter, are entitled to the allotments herein provided. Minority and coverture are not disabilities.

§ 2565.4 Deeds.

(a) *Applications for deeds.* Claimants should file their applications for deeds, setting forth the grounds of their claims for each lot applied for, which should be corroborated by two witnesses.

(b) *Issuance of deeds; procedure on conflicting applications.* (1) Upon receipt of the patent and payment of the assessments the trustee will issue deeds for the lots. The deeds will be acknowledged before an officer duly authorized to take acknowledgements of deeds at the cost of the grantee. In case of conflicting applications for lots, the trustee, if he considers it necessary, may order a hearing to be conducted in accordance with the Part 1850 of this chapter.

(2) No deed will be issued for any lot involved in a contest until the case has been finally closed, Appeals from any decision of the trustee or from decisions of the Bureau of Land Management may be taken in the manner provided by Part 1840 of this chapter.

§ 2565.5 Sale of the land.

(a) *Public sale of unclaimed lots.* After deeds have been issued to the parties entitled thereto the trustee will publish or post notice that he will sell, at a designated place in the town and at a time named, to be not less than 30 days from date, at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, all lots and tracts remaining unoccupied and unclaimed at the date of the approval of final subdivisional townsite survey, and all lots and tracts claimed and awarded on which the assessments have not been paid at the date of such sale. The notice shall contain a description of the lots and tracts to be sold, made in two separate lists, one containing the lots and tracts unclaimed at the date of the approval of final subdivisional town-site survey and the other the lots and tracts claimed and awarded on which the assessments have not been paid. Should any delinquent allottee, prior to the sale of the lot claimed by him, pay the assessments thereon, together with the pro rata cost of the publication and the cost of acknowledging deed, a deed will be issued to him for such lot, and the lot will not be offered at public sale. Where notice by publication is deemed advisable the notice will be published once a week for 5 consecutive weeks in accordance with § 1824.3 of this chapter prior to the date of sale, and in any event copies of such notice shall be posted in three conspicuous places within the town site. Each lot must be sold at a fair price, to be determined by the trustee, and he is authorized to reject any and all bids. Lots remaining unsold at the close of the public sale in an unincorporated town may again be offered at a fair price if a sufficient demand appears therefor.

(b) *Sales to Federal, State and local governmental agencies.* (1) Any lot or tract in the townsite which is subject to sale to the highest bidder by the trustee pursuant to this section may in lieu of disposition at public sale be sold by the trustee at a fair value to be fixed by him to any Federal or State agency or instrumentality or to any local governmental agency or instrumentality of the State for use for public purposes.

(2) All conveyances under this section shall be subject to such conditions, limitations, or stipulations as the trustee shall determine are necessary or appropriate in the circumstances, including, where he deems proper, a provision for reversion of title to the trustee or his successor in interest. Any such provision for reversion of title, however, shall by its terms cease to be in effect 25 years after the conveyance.

(3) Conveyances under this section for lands within any incorporated city, town, village, or municipality may be made only after the proposed conveyance has received the approval of the city, town, or village council, or of the local official designated by such council. Such conveyances for lands within any unincorporated city, town, village or municipality may be made only after notice of the proposed conveyance, together with the opportunity to be heard, has been given by the proposed grantee to the residents or occupants thereof in accordance with the requirements for such notice in the case of the public sale of unclaimed lots in a trustee townsite. Any decision of the trustee which is adverse to a protest will be subject to the right of appeal under Part 1840 of this chapter. Upon filing of an appeal pursuant to that Part, action by the trustee on the conveyance will be suspended pending final decision on the appeal.

§ 2565.6 Rights-of-way.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this part, the trustee is authorized to grant rights-of-way for public purposes across any unentered lands within the townsite. This authority is expressly limited to grants of rights-of-way to cities, towns, villages, and municipalities, and to school, utility, and other types of improvement districts, and to persons, associations, companies, and corporations engaged in furnishing utility services to the general public, and to the United States, any Federal or State agency or instrumentality for use for public purposes.

(b) The trustee may in his discretion fix a reasonable charge for any grant under this authority to private persons, associations, companies and corporations, and to Federal and State agencies and instrumentalities, which charge shall be a lump sum. All grants shall be subject to such conditions, limitations, or stipulations as the trustee shall determine are necessary or appropriate in the circumstances. No grants of rights-of-way under this authority shall be made across or upon lands on which prior rights of occupancy or entry have vested under the law.

(c) Grants of rights-of-way under this section to Federal and State agencies and instrumentalities to private persons, associations, companies, or corporations affecting lands within any incorporated city, town, village, or municipality, may be made only after the proposed grant has received the approval of the city, town, or village council, or, where applicable, the municipal board or commission having authority under state law to approve rights-of-way for local public utility purposes. Grants of such rights-of-way to Federal and state agencies and instrumentalities and to private persons, associations, companies, or corporations within unincorporated cities, towns, villages, or municipalities may be made only after notice of the proposed grant, together with the opportunity to be heard, has been given by the proposed grantee to the residents or occupants thereof in accordance with the requirements for such notice in the case of the public sale of unclaimed lots in a trustee townsite. Any decision by the trustee which is adverse to a protest will be subject to the right of appeal under Part 1840 of this chapter. Upon the filing of an appeal, action by the trustee on the application for right-of-way will be suspended pending final decision on the appeal.

§ 2565.7 Final report of trustee; disposition of unexpended moneys and unsold lots.

After the disposal of a sufficient number of lots to pay all expenses incident to the execution of the trust, including the cost of the subdivisional survey, the trustee will make and transmit to the Bureau of Land Management his final report of his trusteeship, showing all amounts received and paid out and the balance remaining on hand derived from assessments upon the lots and from the public sale. The proceeds derived from such sources, after deducting all expenses, may be used by the trustee on direction of the Secretary of the Interior, where the town is unincorporated, in making public improvements, or, if the town is incorporated such remaining proceeds may be turned over to the municipality for the use and benefit thereof. After the public sale and upon proof of the incorporation of the town, all lots then remaining unsold will be deeded to the municipality, and all municipal public reserves will, by a separate deed be conveyed to the municipality in trust for the public purposes for which they were reserved.

§ 2565.8 Records to be kept by trustee.

The trustee shall keep a tract book of the lots and blocks, a record of the deeds issued, a contest docket, and a book of receipts and disbursements.

§ 2565.9 Disposition of records on completion of trust.

The trustee's duties having been completed, the books of accounts of all his receipts and expenditures, together with a record of his proceedings as provided

in section 2565.8 of this part with all papers, other books, and everything pertaining to such town site in his possession and all evidence of his official acts shall be transmitted to the Bureau of Land Management to become a part of the records thereof, excepting from such papers, however, in case the town is incorporated, the subdivisional plat of the town site, which he will deliver to the municipal authorities of the town, together with a copy of the town site tract book or books, taking a receipt therefor to be transmitted to the Bureau of Land Management.

Subpart 2566—Alaska Railroad Town Sites

§ 2566.0–3 Authority.

It is hereby ordered that the administration of that portion of the act of March 12, 1914 (38 Stat. 305; 48 U.S.C. 301, 302, 303–308) relating to the withdrawal, location and disposition of town sites shall be in accordance with the following regulations and provisions.

(a) *Orders revoked.* All Executive orders heretofore issued for the disposition of town sites along the Government railroads in Alaska are hereby revoked so far as they conflict with subparts 2566.1 and 2566.2. This order is intended to take the place of all other orders making provisions for the sale and disposal of lots in said town sites along Government railroads in Alaska under the provisions of said act.

(b) *Amendments*—(1) *Executive Orders 3529 and 5136.* Subparts 2566.1 and 2566.2 are amended by E.O. 3529, Aug. 9, 1921 and E.O. 5136, June 12, 1929.

(2) The designation of the "Alaskan Engineering Commission" has been changed to "The Alaska Railroad." All matters which formerly were under the control of the chairman of said commission now are under the supervision of the general manager of the said railroad. The functions formerly exercised by the Commissioner of the General Land Office have been transferred to the Director, Bureau of Land Management.

(3) Due to the change in organization, plats of Alaska Railroad town sites are not approved by an official of the Alaska Railroad.

(4) The State Director in Alaska has been designated as Superintendent of Sales of Alaska Railroad town sites.

(d) *Executive Order 5136.* (1) It is ordered that Executive Order No. 3489, issued June 10, 1921, containing the Alaska Railroad Town Site Regulations, is hereby amended to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to reappraise and sell the unimproved lots in Nenana Townsite, Alaska, belonging to the United States, and to readjust the assessments levied against them for the improvement of streets, sidewalks, and alleys, and for the promotion of sanitation and fire protection by the Alaska Railroad prior to August 31, 1921.

(2) As to the lots within said townsite which have been forfeited for failure to pay such assessments, upon which valuable improvements have been placed, the provisions of said order regarding the collection of the unpaid assessments remain effective.

(3) This order shall continue in full force and effect unless and until revoked by the President or by act of Congress.

§ 2566.0–7 Cross references.

(a) Sales of railroad townsites in Alaska, provided for by Executive Order No. 3489 of June 10, 1921, §§ 2566.1(a) to (f) and 2566.0–3(a), will be made by the authorized officer in Alaska, as superintendent of sales of railroad townsites in accordance with townsite regulations contained in §§ 2760.0–3 to 2761.2(e) so far as those regulations are applicable.

(b) For surveys, Alaska, see Part 9180 of this chapter. For townsites, Alaska, see § 2565.0–7.

§ 2566.1 General procedures.

(a) *Reservations.* The Alaska Railroad will file with the Secretary of the Interior, when deemed necessary, its recommendations for the reservation of such areas as in its opinion may be needed for town site purposes. The Secretary of the Interior will thereupon transmit such recommendations to the President with his objections thereto or concurrence therewith. If approved by the President, the reservation will be made by Executive order.

(b) *Survey.* When in the opinion of the Secretary of the Interior the public interests require a survey of any such reservation, he shall cause to be set aside such portions thereof for railroad purposes as may be selected by the Alaska Railroad, and cause the remainder, or any part thereof, to be surveyed into urban or suburban blocks and lots of suitable size, and into reservations for parks, schools, and other public purposes and for Government use. Highways should be laid out, where practicable, along all shore lines, and sufficient land for docks and wharf purposes along such shore lines should be reserved in such places as there is any apparent necessity therefor. The survey will be made under the supervision of the Bureau of Land Management.

(c) *Preference right.* Any person residing in a reserved town site at the time of the subdivisional survey thereof in the field and owning and having valuable and permanent improvements thereon, may, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, be granted a preference right of entry, of not exceeding two lots on which he may have such improvements by paying the appraised price fixed by the superintendent of sale, under such regulations as the Secretary

of the Interior may prescribe. Preference right proof and entry, when granted, must be made prior to the date of the public sale.

§ 2566.2 Public sale.

(a) *Generally.* The unreserved and unsold lots will be offered at public sale to the highest bidder at such time and place, and after such publication of notice, if any, as the Secretary of the Interior may direct.

(b) *Superintendent's authority.* Under the supervision of the Secretary of the Interior the superintendent of the sale will be, and he is hereby, authorized to make all appraisements of lots and at any time to reappraise any lot which in his judgment is not appraised at the proper amount, or to fix a minimum price for any lot below which it may not be sold, and he may adjourn, or postpone the sale of any lots to such time and place as he may deem proper.

(c) *Manner and terms of public sale.* (1) The Secretary of the Interior shall by regulations prescribe the manner of conducting the public sale, the terms thereof and forms therefor and he may prescribe what failures in payment will subject the bidder or purchaser to a forfeiture of his bid or right to the lot claimed and money paid thereon. The superintendent of sale will at the completion of the public sale deposit with the receiver of the proper local land office the money received and file with its officers the papers deposited with him by said bidder, together with his certificate as to successful bidder.

(2) If it be deemed advisable, the Director, Bureau of Land Management may direct the receiver of public moneys of the proper district to attend sales herein provided for in which event the cash payment required shall be paid to the said receiver.

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ALASKA OCCUPANCY AND USE

HOMESTEADS

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Subpart 2567—Alaska: Homestead Settlement

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§ 2567.0–3 Authority.

The homestead laws were extended to Alaska by the act of May 14, 1898 (30 Stat. 409; 48 U.S.C. 371), which was amended by the acts of March 3, 1903 (32 Stat. 1028; 48 U.S.C. 371), July 8, 1916 (39 Stat. 352; 48 U.S.C. 373–375, 378), June 28, 1918 (40 Stat. 632; 48 U.S.C. 373–375, 378), April 13, 1926 (44 Stat. 243; 48 U.S.C. 379, 380, 380a), and July 11, 1956 (70 Stat. 528; 48 U.S.C. 371c and 375).

§ 2567.0–7 Cross references.

For Indian and Eskimo allotments, Subpart 2561, for school indemnity selections Subpart 2627; for shore space, Subpart 2094; for soldier's additional rights, Subpart 2616; for trade and manufacturing sites, Subpart 2562.

§ 2567.0–8 Lands subject to settlement and homestead entry.

All unappropriated public lands in Alaska adaptable to any agricultural use are subject to homestead settlement, and, when surveyed, to homestead entry, if they are not mineral or saline in character, are not occupied for the purpose of trade or business and have not been embraced within the limits of any withdrawal, reservation or incorporated town or city.

§ 2567.1 Application.

(a) *Form.* Application to make homestead entry for lands in Alaska should be presented on a form approved by the Director, the form prescribed for homestead entries under section 2289, Revised Statutes (43 U.S.C. 161, 171).

(b) *Showing to accompany application.* Each application on the prescribed form should be accompanied by a corroborated statement showing:

(1) That the land applied for does not extend more than 160 rods along the shore of any navigable water or that the restriction as to length of claim has been waived or should be waived. (See § 2094.2 of this subchapter.)

(2) That the land is not within an area which is reserved because of springs thereon. All facts relative to medicinal or other springs must be stated, as set forth in § 2311.2(a) of this chapter.

(c) *Contents.* (1) A homestead application must describe the lands desired, if surveyed, according to legal subdivisions as shown by the plat of survey, and, excepting that it must thus conform and that the lands must be contiguous, there is no restriction as to the shape of the tract which may be entered. Where a settlement was made and a location notice posted and filed for record before the extension of the surveys, the application should make reference thereto; it should be stated also to what extent the land applied for is different from that covered by the notice; and the settler may not abandon all of the subdivisions covered by the location unless a showing is made which would justify amendment of his claim.

(2) A homestead application must describe the lands desired, if unsurveyed, by metes and bounds with relation to some natural or permanent monuments, and give the approximate latitude and longitude and otherwise with as much certainty as possible without actual survey. Reference should be made to the serial number of the notice of settlement previously filed. If there has been any material deviation made in the description of the land claimed, a full explanation must be given of the reason for such deviation. A homestead application for unsurveyed lands must be accompanied by the settler's final or commutation homestead proof.

(d) *Service charges.* (1) When a homesteader applies to make entry he must pay an application nonrefundable service charge of $25. In addition, he must pay with his final proof, a nonrefundable service charge of $25. A successful contestant for the lands, pursuant to the Act of May 14, 1880 (21 Stat. 143; 43 U.S.C. 185), as amended, must pay, as a nonrefundable cancellation service charge, an additional $10. On all final proofs made before the manager, or before any other officer authorized to take proofs, the claimant must pay to the manager the costs of reducing the testimony to writing, as determined by the manager. No proof shall be accepted or approved until all charges have been paid.

(2) Remittances other than cash or currency are to be made payable to the Bureau of Land Management. Checks or drafts are accepted subject to collection and final payment without cost to the government.

§ 2567.2 Homestead settlement entry.

(a) *Form of settlement on unsurveyed land.* A settlement claim on unsurveyed land must be rectangular in form, not more than 1 mile in length, located by lines running north and south, according to the true meridian, the four corners being marked by permanent monuments, unless a departure from

such restrictions is authorized by the act of April 13, 1926 (44 Stat. 243; 48 U.S.C. 379, 380, 380a). The said act permits a departure from the restrictions mentioned where by reason of local or topographic conditions it is not feasible or economical to include in rectangular form with cardinal boundaries the lands desired. Under the conditions recited in the law as justifying such departure, it will be sufficient that the claims shall be compact and approximately rectangular in form and where a departure from cardinal courses in the direction of boundary lines is necessary in order to include the lands desired there will be no restriction as to the amount of such departure. The modification of former practice in the matter of form and direction of boundaries is not to be construed, however, as authorizing the lines of the claims to be unduly extended in any such manner as will be productive of long narrow strips of land departing materially from the compactness of the tract as a whole.

(b) *Notice of settlement.* (1) A person making settlement on or after April 29, 1950 on unsurveyed land, in order to protect his rights, must file a notice of the settlement for recordation in the land office for the district in which the land is situated, and post a copy thereof on the land, within 90 days after the settlement. Where settlement is made on surveyed lands, the settler, in order to protect his rights, must file a notice of the settlement for recordation, or application to make homestead entry, in the land office for the district in which the land is located within 90 days after settlement.

(2) The notice must be filed on a form approved by the Director, in triplicate if the land is unsurveyed, or in duplicate if surveyed and shall contain: (a) The name and address of the settler, (b) age and citizenship; (c) date of settlement, and (d) the description of the land by legal subdivisions, section, township and range, if surveyed, or, if unsurveyed, by metes and bounds with reference to some natural object or permanent monument, giving, if desired, the approximate latitude and longitude.

(3) Unless a notice of the claim is filed within the time prescribed in subparagraphs (1) and (2) of this paragraph, no credit shall be given for residence and cultivation had prior to the filing of notice or application to make entry, whichever is earliest.

(c) *Recordation fee.* The notice of settlement claim must be accompanied by a remittance of $10.00 which will be applied as a service charge for recording the notice and will not be returnable, except in cases where the notice is not acceptable to the land office for recording because the land is not subject to homestead settlement.

(d) *Marking corners of claim on unsurveyed lands; rights acquired by settlement on surveyed lands.* (1) A settler on unsurveyed land is required to mark the claim by permanent monuments at each corner, in order to establish the boundaries thereof.

(2) Settlement on any part of a surveyed quarter-section subject to homestead entry gives the right to enter all of the quarter section; but if a settler desires to initiate a claim to surveyed tracts which form part of more than one technical quarter-section, he should define the claim by placing some improvements on each of the smallest subdivisions claimed.

(e) *Law under which homestead must be perfected.* All homestead claims in Alaska must be perfected under and in accordance with the provisions of the 3-year homestead law of June 6, 1912 (37 Stat. 123; 43 U.S.C. 164, 169, 218), and regulations thereunder.

§ 2567.3 Acreage.

(a) *Area subject to appropriation.* A homestead settlement or entry in Alaska is restricted to 160 acres. except in the case of a settlement made before July 8, 1916, or an entry based thereon, which may include as much as 320 acres, provided notice of the settlement was filed for record in the recording district in which the land is situated within 90 days after the settlement was made and the settlement was duly maintained until the filing of the application for entry and provided the applicant has not exhausted his homestead right in whole or in part in the United States.

(b) *Limitations.* The act of August 30, 1890 (26 Stat. 391; 43 U.S.C. 212), provides that no person who shall, after the passage of the act, enter upon any of the public lands with a view to occupation, entry, or settlement under any of the public land laws shall be permitted to acquire title to more than 320 acres in the aggregate, under all of said laws. A former homestead entry outside of Alaska is not counted as a part of this acreage in connection with a homestead entry of 160 acres in Alaska. The fact that one may have acquired title to 160 acres under the homestead laws, or other agricultural public land laws, outside of Alaska, since August 30, 1890, does not disqualify him from entering 320 acres under the homestead laws in Alaska, based on settlement made prior to July 8, 1916.

§ 2567.4 Qualifications of entryman.

(a) *Qualifications required.* Any person who is qualified to make an ordinary homestead entry in the United States under section 2289, Revised Statutes (43 U.S.C. 161, 171), is qualified to make homestead entry in Alaska, and a former homestead entry outside of Alaska does not bar the claimant's right to make entry in that State for not exceeding 160 acres.

(b) *Second entries.* No showing is required of an applicant for 160 acres in Alaska as to a former homestead entry outside of the State, but if the applicant has made homestead entry, or made an allowable homestead application or filed a location notice of settlement in the State and failed to perfect title to the land, he must, in connection with another application to make homestead

entry in the State, make the showing required by the Act of September 5, 1914 (38 Stat. 712; 43 U.S.C. 182) explained in § 2513.1 (a) to (d) of this chapter.

(c) *Additional entries.* Any person otherwise qualified who has made final proof on an entry for less than 160 acres may make an additional entry for contiguous land under the act of April 28, 1904 (33 Stat. 527; 43 U.S.C. 213), or for noncontiguous land under the act of March 2, 1889 (25 Stat. 854; 43 U.S.C. 214) for such area as when added to the area previously entered will not exceed 160 acres. The requirements in connection with such entries are set forth in §§ 2512.1 and 2512.2 of this chapter. An additional entry under the act of April 28, 1904, is not subject to commutation.

§ 2567.5 Residence, cultivation requirements.

(a) *Residence*—(1) *Establishment.* Residence must be established upon the claim within 6 months after the date of the entry or the recording of the location notice, as the case may be; but an extension of not more than 6 months may be allowed upon application duly filed, in which the entryman shows by his own statement, and that of two witnesses, that residence could not be established within the first 6 months, for climatic reasons, or on account of sickness, or other unavoidable cause.

(2) *Length.* A homestead entryman must show residence upon his claim for at least 3 years; however, he is entitled to absent himself during each year for not more than two periods making up an aggregate of 5 months, giving written notice to the proper land office of the time of leaving the homestead and returning thereto.

(3) *Leave of absence.* A leave of absence for 1 year or less may be granted by the manager to the homesteader who has established actual residence on the land where failure or destruction of crops, sickness, or other unavoidable casualty has prevented him from supporting himself and those dependent upon him by cultivation of the land.

(b) *Cultivation.* There must be shown also cultivation of one-sixteenth of the area of the claim during the second year of the entry and of one-eighth during the third year and until the submission of proof, unless the requirements in this respect be reduced upon application duly filed. Cultivation, which must consist of breaking of the soil, planting or seeding, and tillage for a crop other than native grasses, must include such acts and be done in such manner as to be reasonably calculated to produce profitable results.

(c) *Habitable house.* The law provides also that the entryman must have a habitable house upon the land at the time proof is submitted.

(d) *Commutation of entries.* To the extent of not more than 160 acres an entry may be "commuted" after not less than 14 months' residence upon the land, cultivation of the area commuted to the extent required under the ordinary homestead laws and payment of $1.25 per acre; that is, the claimant must show the existence of a habitable house on the land at the time of final commutation proof, that residence for the period of not less than 14 months was actual and substantially continuous, and cultivation of one-sixteenth of the area during the second year of the entry, and, if commutation proof is submitted after the second entry year, one-eighth of the area the third entry year and until the submission of final commutation proof. In such cases the homesteader is entitled to a 5 months' leave of absence in each year, but cannot have credit as residence for such period, since actual presence on the land for not less than 14 months is required. However, an additional entry under the act of April 28, 1904 (33 Stat. 527; 43 U.S.C. 213), is not subject to commutation.

§ 2567.6 Surveys.

(a) *Without expense to settler.* The land included in a settlement claim may be surveyed without expense to the settler, provided he submits, within five years from the date of the filing of notice of settlement claim in the land office, an application to enter on a form approved by the Director and acceptable final or commuted homestead proof as required by § 2567.7(a).

(b) *At expense of settler.* A settler who wishes to secure earlier action in the matter of survey may have a survey made at his own expense by a deputy surveyor appointed by the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management.

(c) *Application to enter land included in special survey.* After a special survey has been made, in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section, application to enter should be made as in the case of other settlements on surveyed lands.

§ 2567.7 Proof.

(a) *Submission.* (1) Proof may be submitted without previous notice of intention by publication.

(2) Whenever the claimant is ready to submit proof, he may appear, with two witnesses having knowledge of the facts, before either the manager of the land office for the district in which the land is situated or before any other officer authorized to administer oaths in homestead cases and submit proof of his residence, cultivation, and improvements on the land. The proof testimony must be filed in the proper land office.

(3) Where the proof establishes that the entryman cannot effect timely compliance with the law, the entry must be canceled unless statutory authority permits the granting of an extension of time or other relief.

(b) *Publication and posting.* (1) Where a special survey has been made, the notice of proof must give the survey number of the land, and it must be published once a week for nine consecutive weeks, in accordance with § 1824.3 of this chapter, at the expense of the applicant, in a newspaper designated by the manager as being one of general circulation nearest the land. Moreover, during the period of publication the entryman must keep a copy of the plat, and of his notice of having made proof, posted in a conspicuous place on the land.

(2) Where the public system of surveys has been extended over the land, and the claimant has an entry allowed in conformity therewith, notice must be published once a week for 5 consecutive weeks in accordance with § 1824.3 of this chapter. The manager must cause a copy of the notice to be posted in his office during the entire period of publication.

(c) *Effect of transfer of land before proof.* In Alaska, as elsewhere in the United States, a forfeiture of the claim results from a transfer of any part of the land or of any interest therein before the submission of the proof, with certain exceptions specified by law. In the State transfers for church, cemetery, or school purposes to the extent of 5 acres and for railroad rights of way across the land having an extreme width of 200 feet are permitted.

(d) *Adverse claim.* (1) In conformity with provision contained in section 10 of the act of May 14, 1898 (30 Stat. 413; 48 U.S.C. 359), during the period of posting and publication or within 30 days thereafter any person, corporation, or association, having or asserting any adverse interest in or claim to, the tract of land or any part thereof sought to be acquired, may file in the land office where the proof is pending, under oath, an adverse claim setting forth the nature and extent thereof, and such adverse claimant shall, within 60 days after the filing of such adverse claim, begin action to quiet title, in a court of competent jurisdiction in Alaska, and thereafter no patent shall issue for such claim until the final adjudication of the rights of the parties, and such patent shall then be issued in conformity with the final decree of the court.

(2) Where such adverse claim is filed, action on the proof will be suspended until final adjudication of the rights of the parties in the court or until it has been shown that the adverse claimant did not commence an action in the court within the time allowed.

(3) Any protest which may be filed which does not show that the protestant intends to commence an action to quiet title, as stated, and any contest which may be filed will be disposed of by the manager in accordance with Parts 1840 and 1850 of this chapter.

§ 2567.8 Loans.

(a) *Mortgage loans on existing homestead entries.* A homestead entryman who desires to secure a loan on an existing homestead entry, or a homestead applicant who wishes to make a homestead entry for lands in a canceled or relinquished homestead entry subject to a mortgage lien held by the United States acting through the Secretary of Agriculture under the act of October 19, 1949 (63 Stat. 883, 7 U.S.C. Supp. III secs. 1006a, 1006b), should proceed in accordance with § 2511.0–9(a) of this chapter.

(b) *Mortgage liens.* A mortgage lien held by the United States acting through the Secretary of Agriculture shall not extend to mineral deposits in the lands, which have been or may be reserved to the United States pursuant to law.

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Subpart 2631—Patents for lands Sold by Railroad Carriers (Transportation Act of 1940)

§ 2631.0–3 Authority.

Subsection (b) of section 321, Part II, Title III, of the Transportation Act of September 18, 1940 (54 Stat. 934), authorizes the issuance of patents for the benefit of certain innocent purchasers for value of land-grant lands from railroad carriers which have released their land-grant claims.

NOTE: Notices of releases of land grant claims by railroad carriers listing the carriers, the date of the approval of the release and the land-grant predecessors involved dated Dec. 17, 1940, May 17, 1941 and June 29, 1942, appear at 6 F.R. 449, 2634, and 7 F.R. 5319.

§ 2631.0–8 Lands for which applications may be made.

Subsection (b) of section 321, Part II, Title III, of the Transportation Act of 1940 provides that in the case of a railroad carrier, or a predecessor, which received a land grant to aid in the construction of any part of its railroad, the laws relating to compensation for certain Government transportation services shall continue to apply as though subsection (a) of section 321 had not been enacted unless the carrier shall file on or before September 18, 1941, with the Secretary of the Interior, in the form and manner prescribed by him, a release of any claim it may have to lands, interests in lands, compensation, or reimbursement on account of lands or interests in lands so granted, claimed to have been granted or claimed should have been granted. Section 321 provides further that nothing therein shall be construed as preventing the issuance of patents confirming the title to such uncertified or unpatented lands as the Secretary of the Interior shall find have been sold prior to September 18, 1940, to innocent purchasers for value. Subsection (b) of section 321 authorizing the issuance of such patents is not an enlargement of the grants, and does not extend them to lands not already covered thereby and, therefore, has no application to lands which for various reasons, such as mineral character, prior grants, withdrawals, reservations, or appropriation, were not subject to the grants. It does apply, however, to lands selected under remedial or lieu acts supplemental to the original grants as well as to primary and indemnity lands. Classification under section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act of June 28, 1934 (48 Stat. 1269), as amended by the act of June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1976; 43 U.S.C. 315f), will not be required where the sold land is such as the company was authorized by law to select.

§ 2631.1 Applications.

Application, and supporting evidence, must be filed by the carrier in the proper land office, accompanied by a nonrefundable application service charge of $10. The lands listed in any one application must be limited to those embraced in a single sale upon which the claim for patent is based. The application should state that it is filed under the railroad land grant act involved, properly cited, and subsection (b) of section 321, Part II, Title III of the Transportation Act of 1940 (54 Stat. 954). The application must be supported by a showing that the land is of the character which would pass under the grant involved, and was not by some superior or prior claim, withdrawal, reservation, or other reason, excluded from the operation of the grant. Full details of the alleged sale must be furnished, such as dates, the terms thereof, the estate involved, consideration, parties, amounts and dates of payments, made, and amounts due, if any, description of the land, and transfers of title. The use, occupancy, and cultivation of the land and the improvements placed thereon by the alleged purchaser should be described. All statements should be duly corroborated. Available documentary evidence, including the contract or deed, should be filed, which may be authenticated copies of the originals. An abstract of title may be necessary, dependent upon the circumstances of the particular case. No application for a patent under this act will be favorably considered unless it be shown that the alleged purchaser is entitled forthwith to the estate and interest transferred by such patent. Evidence of a recorded deed of conveyance from the carrier to the purchaser may be required. Where the company has on file an application in which the sold lands embraced, it need not file a new application, but may file a request for amendment of the pending application to come under the Transportation Act of 1940, together with the showing, supra, required as to the bona fide sale.

§ 2631.2 **Publication of notice.**

The manager shall direct the publication of notice of the application. The notice will be published at the carrier's expense in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of the land. If a daily newspaper be designated, the notice should be published in the Wednesday issue for five consecutive weeks; if weekly, for five consecutive issues; and if semiweekly, in either issue for five consecutive weeks. The carrier must furnish evidence of such publication in due course. Notice need not be published, in case of amendment of a pending application, where publication has already been had.

§ 2631.3 **Surveying and conveyance fees.**

The carrier must pay the cost of the survey of the land, paying also one-half the cost of any segregation survey in accordance with the laws and regulations pertaining to the survey and patenting of railroad lands. (See 43 U.S.C. 881 et seq.; also Subpart 1822 of this chapter.)

§ 2633.4 **Patents.**

If all be found regular and in conformity with the governing law and regulations, patent shall be issued in the name of the grantee under the railroad grant, the carrier paying the costs of preparation and issuance of the patent.

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Subpart 2640—Federal Airport Act of May 13, 1946

§ 2640.0–3 Authority.

(a) Section 16 of the Federal Airport Act of May 13, 1946 (60 Stat. 179; 49 U.S.C. 1115) provides that whenever the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Agency determines that the use of any lands owned or controlled by the United States is reasonably necessary for carrying out a project under the act, or for the operation of any public airport, he shall file with the head of the Department or agency having control of such lands a request that such property interest therein as he may deem necessary be conveyed to the public agency sponsoring the project in question or owning or controlling the airport.

(b) Upon receipt of the request from the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Agency, the head of the Department or agency having control of the lands in question is directed to determine whether the requested conveyance is inconsistent with the needs of the Department or agency and to notify the Administrator of his determination within a period of four months after receipt of the Administrator's request. Upon the determination of the head of the Department or agency that it is not so inconsistent, he is authorized and directed, with the approval of the President and the Attorney General of the United States, and without any expense to the United States, to perform any acts and to execute any instruments necessary to make the conveyance requested.

§ 2640.0–5 Definitions.

As used in the regulations in this section unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the meaning indicated:

(a) "The act" means the Federal Airport Act of May 13, 1946 (60 Stat. 179; 49 U.S.C. 1101).

(b) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior or his duly authorized representative.

(c) "Director" means the Director of the Bureau of Land Management or his duly authorized representative.

(d) "Administrator" means the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Agency or his duly authorized representative.

(e) "Applicant" means any public agency as defined in 14 CFR 153.3, which, either individually or jointly with one or more other such public agencies, submits to the Administrator, an application requesting that public lands or interests therein, be transferred to such applicant under the Federal Airport Act.

(f) "Property interest" means the title to or any other interest in land or any easement through or other interest in air space.

(g) "Instrument of transfer" includes a patent, deed, lease or other instrument transferring a property interest.

§ 2640.0–7 Cross reference.

The regulations of the Federal Aviation Agency under this act are found in 14 CFR, Part 153.

Subpart 2641—Procedures

§ 2641.1 Request by Administrator for transfer of property interest.

Each request by the Administrator in behalf of the applicant for the transfer of a property interest in public lands or other federally owned lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior should be addressed to the Bureau of Land Management, should be in duplicate, and should contain the following:

(a) A copy of the application filed by the requesting public agency with the Administrator.

(b) A description of the land, if surveyed, by legal subdivisions, specifying section, township, and range. Unsurveyed land should be described by metes and bounds with a tie to a corner of the public-land surveys if within two miles; otherwise a tie should be made to some prominent topographic feature and the approximate latitude and longtitude should be given when practicable.

§ 2641.2 Action on the request.

(a) The Secretary will determine whether the requested transfer is inconsistent with the needs of the Department or any agency thereof, and if it is not, the covenants, terms and conditions, if any, under which such transfer should be made. Any such conveyance will be made subject to valid existing rights of record, and to those disclosed as a result of posting, publication, or otherwise.

(b) Ordinarily where the lands involved are situated within a national park or monument or within an Indian reservation the transfer will not be authorized.

§ 2641.3 Publication and posting.

Before a transfer of fee title to public lands is made, the Bureau of Land Management will require the applicant to publish, at its own expense in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the land is situated, a notice stating that a request has been made by the Administrator on behalf of the applicant (giving its name and address) to acquire title to public lands (describing them) under the act, for the purpose of carrying out a project under the act, or for the operation of a public airport, as the case may be, and that the purpose of the notice is to give persons claiming an interest in the land or having bona fide objections to the proposed transfer an opportunity to file within 30 days after the date of the first publication, a protest, together with evidence that the protest has been served on the applicant. If the notice is published in a daily paper, the notice should be published for four consecutive weeks in the Wednesday issue, if a weekly, in four consecutive issues, and if a semiweekly or triweekly, in any of the issues on the same day each week for 4 consecutive weeks. The notice will also be posted during the entire period of publication in the proper land office (see § 1821.2–1 of this chapter). No transfer will be made until proof of publication and posting of the notice has been filed.

§ 2641.4 Approval of transfer.

(a) *Special provisions in the instrument of transfer.* Each instrument of transfer made hereunder of fee title or a lesser estate in the lands shall contain: The covenants, terms and conditions requested by the Administrator, as well as those required for the protection of the Department of the Interior or any agency thereof.

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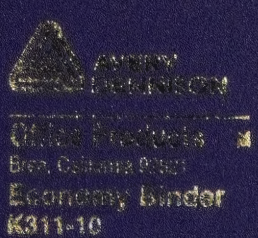
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